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CLELAND B. MCAFEE
2150 LINCOLN PARK WEST
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

January 11, 1940.

My dear Robert:--

I fear Robert MacDonald (my nephew-by-marriage) has abandoned hope in my direction. We talked over this situation fully two years ago and I set myself earnestly to relieve it then, mentioning the name of Dr. Downs in several connections. Nothing came of it, and I have been hoping against hope that it would take care of itself. At that time the length of his sermons and other addresses was a serious factor; it seems now reduced in importance. The other difficulty is more serious--his unreadiness to let others manage their part in the machinery. He ought to be somewhere where a strong hand is needed and lacking. We have a large church in Indianapolis, (Tabernacle--Dunkle's old church) where he might fit in. My hesitation there is that I have had to take rather firm ground regarding another name as unsuited to the place, and it might look invidious for me to propose my own candidate. Could you write to one of your Indianapolis friends and turn attention to him? It is a large church with a Gothic debt, needing a strong hand, I judge.

But I think he himself ~~is~~ would much rather come east and be done with it. Kipling might need to revise the dictum which he repudiates about the twain never meeting since the real trouble is that when a strong man comes

from east to west or vice versa that is just when the two do not meet happily.

Is Classon Avenue, Brooklyn, worth considering? Are there not Jersey churches vacant?

Will Boddy's case is exceedingly painful to think about. I am glad you can help him out. The men from here have gone from time to time and they bring back wholly discouraging word about his prospects. It is good of you to make the journey and you will find the intervening week quite after your own heart, with a few fellowships and much time for writing and reading. Will it not be possible for us to have you here for a meal on your going or coming trip? Plan it if possible. We live at a pleasant hotel, where you have probably stayed when a guest of the Seminary, and can welcome you at any time and for any meal. I do want to see you and talk over a number of the old issues.

My courses this semester are one required course with the Seniors in Theology, one elective (30 men) on the Christian Church in Principle and in Practice, and an elective (60 men) on the Christian Doctrine of Salvation. The disparity in numbers is not indicative, as it might seem. The smaller course comes ~~at~~ a time when most of the men have required work, but I could not see another hour for it, important as the study is just now with a World Council in the offing. Work is going nicely thus far, but I do not think of another year as wise. There is hope of a permanent man.

Always affectionately,

Clara B. M.

CLELAND B. MCAFEE
2150 LINCOLN PARK WEST
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

I must add a postscript to say that we have just bought a little four-acre place in Jaffrey, New Hampshire, for a summer and late fall home. Of course it is largely for Mildred's sake, within seventy miles of Boston, under the shadow of Mount Monadnock, and furnished, so that we can move into it any time. There are seven rooms in the well-built house and it can become a family center as the children of the second generation get into college. Ruth's Bob is a Freshman in Amherst, and Katharine's Anne is in Northfield Seminary and her Albert a Senior at Lawrenceville. The long college round for that generation is at hand and they generally face East though I hope Albert's children will go to Hanover. Mr. Donner has offered Albert another \$500,000 if he will get others to match it, giving in \$250,000 sections. That is a big job in these days, but Albert leaps to it as he did to the first offer which brought the college half a million of new assets. He has had no professional help in raising money; the former campaign cost only \$2000 and most of it was done from his office at Hanover. I notice that Princeton Seminary is using professional aid and I suppose Henry Brown found it wise in this present emergency.

I am doing almost nothing outside of this Seminary work--preaching twice for Ray Anderson this winter, but nowhere else thus far.

C.B.M.

Dr. Vale suggests that it will be well to write to the chairman of the committee:

Dr. R. Milton Richards,
2161 W. Grand Boulevard,
Detroit.

I have written. Send a line underscoring the Berkeley name. Dr. Vale seems favorable. You may assume my letter if you care to have that as a reason for writing. Probably you know Dr. Richards, one of the best known and beloved elders of the city. I urged the need of the Esbytery for leadership and experience for lack of Dr. Vance and Dr. Vale.

As always,

January 30, 1940

Charles D.M.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Dr. Robert E. Speer,

Rockledge,

Lakeville,

Connecticut.

CLELAND B. MCAFEE
~~216 COLLEGE PARK DRIVE~~
~~CHICAGO ILLINOIS~~

735 Washington Street,
Wellesley, Mass.,
May 1, 1940.

My dear Robert:--

Not having to be Queen of the May today, there is time for a note to let you know that we are here after a successful closing of the year at Chicago. I had to be out of the city for one lecture-hour, and so missed one of the 180 lectures of the year, but only one. One or two of the students broke down and had to be out for a few days, but I stuck it out. The minister said he preached for two hours and was not at all tired at the end of it, "but you should have seen the congregation!" The outlook for the work next year is excellent. Harry Cotton has taken hold in a great way and commands the enthusiastic support of the Faculty. Jesse Halsey is coming to take pastoral work and practical theology; Ovid Sellers is made Dean; Dr. Harootunian is coming for Theology from the Wellesley Bible Department. He is a Union man, Armenian, as his name suggests, his father a teacher of Old Testament in a Near East institution of some sort, himself a Beirut man. Mildred thinks he will do well and gives him up with real regret as one of the most attractive teachers in their large Bible Department. These appointments fill the va-

candies and take out almost the last of the old timber from the Faculty. Jesse Halsey will be there just about as long as a practical theology man ought to be in that chair. He is now 58 and the 12 years before him will see enough changes in actual Church practice to leave him out of date at the end of his time. The 70-year rule will be enforced at the Seminary hereafter; you may be sure; the directors are a bit sore over their neglect in the past.

I keep hearing disturbing word about Charlie Lehey and the Woodward Avenue Detroit. I suppose he will go soon or late; things do not move rapidly enough for him in field work. I have tried to open that door for Dr. Downs, but I fear it may not open. I have new word from Berkeley which disturbs me anew. There seems danger of a flare-up which would be bad for all concerned. Keep him in mind when you see anything that looks promising for him.

I have no Assembly gossip of any sort, but am glad not to be in the body this year. The Pensions matter is pretty sure to be aired unless it is handled with utmost tact and some matters clarified beyond their present state. I wish the Board had not sprung the changes on the one Assembly so suddenly. They went through so swiftly that the brethren did their thinking after they had acted, which is one of the sure ways of having trouble. The necessity for the changes looks to me evident, but one has to get used to them gradually and with explanations. With money being wrecked from Washington as it is, no Board can maintain the expectations of a decade ago.

We will be here for a few days and then get up to Jaffrey and the new four-acre place which is well suited to long summers. I have an invitation to California for next winter for a series of week-at-a-time lectures in various churches but it is not at all clear that we will think it wise to go. In September I will get into my 75th year and I am not enthusiastic about antiquities wandering about the scene too much.

I am much interested in Pitt Vandusen's account of his journey to Madras. He was surprised at so many familiar things. But he has given us a good little book, and he knows much more about the work than he had known before.

Affectionately,
Cleland B. Bur

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CLELAND B. MCAFEE
JAFFREY
NEW HAMPSHIRE

August 6th, 1940.

My dear Robert:--

Your Prince George letter brings us good word. I have not been asked back to the old Church for several years. I think I bothered Dr. Magary by using the past as illustration unduly, inadvertently setting some of its features over against current ones--a most unwise procedure and not intended. At any rate, he had the courage to drop me off the list of summer preachers, which I am sure was wise, although I do miss the old experiences. Every once in a while some one writes me of your being there and always with gratitude.

Your plans for the winter and your ten weeks of services beside your occasional appointments give me deep pleasure. This must be the kind of thing for us oldsters to do for our brethren. It takes nobody's place and renders a service for which there can be no financial consideration that is adequate. I think I have told you that we go out to the Coast November 1st for a series of week-at-a-time conferences with a group of churches, eleven ^(with May 1st) in all. I preach on Sunday morning, have a young people's conference in the evening, have a Bible study hour each morning and an evening lecture, sermon, address, each day until Friday when it closes with the evening meeting. Then I have a free week and begin at the next church the second Sabbath.

Headquarters will be at Riverside, where Ezra Egly is planning the whole scheme, and we will go back there to an apartment for the free time. I am to go to Lockport, New York, for a week at the beginning of October, on the same plan, with Stephen Palmer, another of my "boys." I am working out a series of Bible studies in Galatians which seems to me specially needed at a time when freedom is so gladly surrendered for convenience and immediate gains. I have a series also on The Acts, split into five sections as a study of the early Church and its way of handling issues which are a good deal like our own. The evening addresses will also be in a series in each case. I am acting the part of a teacher so far as I can, and opening the way all the time for discussion or question, though I am not sanguine of results in that line.

We are glad your daughter is safely here from the British Isles. Lindbergh troubles me with his apparent refusal to make moral distinctions among the warring forces. We must "get ready to work with either of them on the same terms." And I am clear out with the Christian Century. Pitt VanDusen ought not to have written quite as he did, but he was greatly provoked. Willkie looks good to me, if he just does not turn politician now that he has had to march with the crowd in which they are so dominant. I marvel at the patience of God--that He puts up with so many things in the world which need a firm hand! But I am glad He does not turn it over to me! It is bad enough to have one indispensable man in the country; I would not be another. I am preaching next Sunday--the second time this summer. Another year I hope I can spread out a little more.

Always affectionately,

Cleland Burr

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CLELAND B. MCAFEE
JAFFREY
NEW HAMPSHIRE

September 3rd, 1940.

My dear Robert:--

I may miss my guess, as I have done before this on occasion, but unless I do miss it, you are in for some treatment by our brethren who cannot say "soldier" without a shudder. The Times gave you good space on Monday but of course had to edit you at points. I suspect they got your idea, however, and I rejoiced in it. We are getting so soft now that we cannot think of firmness without counting it brutality. A few years ago Dr. Morrison in his church hymnal edited John Hay's hymn mercilessly, as I thought. He could not endure the lines:

And e'en a headsmann's axe
May flash Thy message unto men.

I cannot remember just how he mangled it, but I suggested that he read it:

And e'en a brave Tut-tut
May flash Thy message unto men.

There are men deaf on that side of their heads and men who do not know how to be dealt with humanely. John Hay's hymn is not in our Hymnal because some of us balked at having that stanza omitted or edited out of recognition. I wish we had it. There is muscle in it and we need muscle just now. But I think you may catch it as a lover of war, a denier of the spirit of love, a hater of Christ as Prince of Peace, and several other things.

I realize that the 10th comes on apace and we will have you in heart when it comes. For fifteen days you will have the same year as mine but then I will advance and leave you behind. Let me witness that the 72-73 period is a good one, but I am a little staggered to think that after the 25th I will be in my 75th year! I do not feel tottering yet but I keep reading in the papers of an aged man of 70 doing this or that. I have a number of plans yet to be fulfilled but I suppose the world can survive if some of them should be unfulfilled.

As we go west at the end of October I expect to preach at Park College where I preached for 13 years at the beginning of my ministry. It will give me a chance to measure the progress of the years, but the College does not claim to be quite what it was in those years, and is perhaps all the better for that. The Moderator may not be there but I do not know just what I could say to him if he were. Will Pugh writes that he is doing better than was feared. He does not know the Church very well but may be teachable as he goes about. Maybe it would be a good time to slow down on moderatorial visitations. But I believe in them within limits because the moderator of the year is the one man who belongs in peculiar sense to the whole Church, along with the Stated Clerk.

Always heartily,

Cleveland B. M.

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A cushion for the time
when the bricks began to
fall:

Boston Herald of Sept. 17th.

C. D. M.

W.F.
Plaza Hotel, Riverside, California,
November 4th, 1940.

My dear Robert:--

Yesterday I had an experience which brought you often to mind. After preaching here for Dr. Egly in the morning we went with him as Moderator of the Synod to Twenty-nine Palms to help in dedicating a very attractive Desert Church, just completed after four years of the life of the Church. You surely recognize this place as the abode of our friend W.M. Carle--him of the long and assertive letters during the Machen difficulty and before and since. His name added interest to the trip. I was greatly pleased to find that he is a rugged pioneer who has scoured the whole desert thereabouts for stray people who could be gathered into the Church. Dr. Williamson said that the desert owed no more to any man than to him for the preservation of religious life. It was a side of his conduct which I had not expected. After the service I met him and as we shook hands he said, "We have had some correspondence," and when I replied, "Yes, and we are still friends," he said, "Well, I suppose so." With this inspiring remark the conversation ended. I did not even get a chance to give him your love! The brethren here have said that he has had for years two passions--one, the maintaining of religious life in that section of the desert; the other, the finding of heresies and heretics. There has been a change in recent months, indicated by two signs--he has cut

off a beard which used to reach halfway to his belt, and he has married a wife after being desolate for some years. He gave Dr. Egly the fact of the wife as the reason for the cutting of the beard. This is an effect of matrimony which is somewhat radical and unusual.

I see Will Covert is holding out in Minneapolis in Boddy's pulpit. It will not be long, I judge, since the Church is said to be after young Stephens of Germantown. Louis Evans has been called to 1st Church Seattle and I think he would be a good man to salvage what might otherwise be large waste in that situation. McLennan has resigned at Hollywood and held three "Great Farewell Services" yesterday. The Committee wired Louis Evans to consider the call, but I think he will not do it. There is a Gothic debt on the Church. There are eleven churches involved in the program which I am to carry out here until May, and ten of the brethren are lunching with us today to talk it over. The plan went well in Lockport First and I believe it is a sound one. The alternate weeks of rest will be spent here for the most part. They will be needed if the other weeks are carried out effectively.

Tomorrow tells the tale--I wonder what tale!

Affectionately,

Clara B. W. W.

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CLELAND B. MCAFEE
HOTEL PLAZA
RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA

16 December, 1940.

My dear Robert:--

I admit that the workings of Providence in the matter of Dr. Allison's correspondence are past finding out, but since they work in my favor I bow to them with no bitterness. I regret you find you failing to rejoice in them. It must be bad for the spiritual digestion of the Doctor to have this much bile in his system. We have just spent a week at the Eagle Rock Church which the Allisons attend and saw a good deal of them but nothing of this sort came up. They were at all the meetings--twelve in all, and took kindly part whenever there was occasion for any expression.

This week-at-a-time program is going along with obvious blessing. I have had four of them now and the attendance and interest are better than could have been expected. The list is full until May 1st when I must be going back East. The morning Bible hour at 10:00 proves rich and resultful, and the evening lectures on theology are welcomed by the hearers beyond my hopes for them. Of course the weather is favorable here. Today there is a light rain which has been much desired by the people. It may be the beginning of such weather for a time, but our next week begins on January 5th and is here at Riverside. We will stay in our room at the hotel whereas generally we settle in the place where the

church is located and come back here for the week of rest. Yesterday the public schools gave one of the most perfect pageants of the Nativity I have ever seen, about 500 taking part in the large auditorium of the city. They do that kind of thing pretty widely out here.

I am watching the Southern Church with much interest in view of the proposals for union and the efforts of Carl McIntire to wreck the movement. Of course you do not have to say much about it, but you must recall that we tried to go to him and his church in the midst of the disputation and tell them the truth about the situation. Carl replied to me that he could not arrange it and that he feared it would simply confuse his elders if we did it. He was right in fearing that the truth would be confusing for his program. He has had to keep his elders from being exposed to it. What an awkward thing truth is, anyway, when one does not want to be diverted from a beloved plan!

I have had Dixon's Human Situation for some time and quote it several times in these lectures. The other book I have not yet seen. Charles ^{F.} Andrews' posthumous "The Good Shepherd" has touched me with its gentleness and devotion to Christ. It is for young ministers, but it is a good measuring rod for older ones.

Both of us send to you and Mrs. Speer our high hopes for a beautiful holiday experience. You must be thrown back peculiarly on the faith you have in God in times like these in England. The everlasting arms sometimes seem a long way underneath; it is comforting to know they are still there. Affectionately,

Alfred B. M.

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CLELAND B. MCAFEE
JAFFREY
NEW HAMPSHIRE

May 18, 1941.

My dear Robert:--

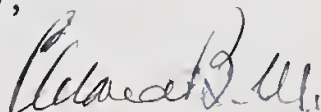
We are here at last after a happy and busy winter on the Coast. I have had eleven of these "weeks" of Bible hours and lectures in theology, alternating with a week of rest at Riverside. It has involved about 150 hours of public address but many of them have followed the same course and so have not been so burdensome as a pastor's year. I do not know what we will do next winter, but I have a number of invitations for similar service in this general region and more than I could accept on the Coast if it seems best to go back there. The long trip and its cost are the doubtful element in the plan. Both of us have come out of the winter in good physical condition. I have lost all the rheumatism which bound me last summer and we enter this one in high hopes. I am putting in a vegetable garden and Mildred is laying great plans for flowers. Of course we cannot touch your elaborate program but we enjoy our imitation. The rougher winter makes some gardening plans impracticable, but we have to do the best we can, which I understand is a limitation laid on the angels as well.

Assembly this week. I wish Henry Coffin could be elected, but I am fearful. Herbert Booth Smith is making a vigorous canvas in ways that give me a cold

chill. Men on the Coast are ~~of~~ divided mind about him, as you know. One of them urged me to do anything in my power to see that he is defeated, but I threw up the sponge long ago on that line. One or two recent elections have seemed to me strangely inept, but I do not feel ready to decide on qualifications for a Moderator, having been in the chair myself, so that I know what kind of man can be elected. The Stone report on Pensions has a few drastic provisions for consideration in 1942, reducing all pensions by 10% from October 1942. I am interested that one of the chief causes of the difficulty is that we older men persist in living longer than the tables call for! According to Henry van Dyke, we do not send material up for our mansions fast enough. I shall watch the deliverances of Assembly regarding the present world condition, hoping there will be no folly or rash generalizations. We have some hobby riders who see only a narrow road before them. These are strenuous days and we ought to be led powerfully.

I am interested that Katharine is to be nominated for Board membership. She would give all she has in its service and I suppose only such busy women can be called for such service, but we almost dread another duty for her, except for the inspiration it is sure to bring her. Her daughter, Ann, is head of the student body in Northfield Seminary next year. Ruth's daughter will be in Wellesley next year. They do grow up. Ruth's Bob is a Sophomore in Amherst and Katharine's Albert is a Princeton Freshman. So it goes. And the old folks creep along in the usual snail fashion. This new machine does not do right yet, but it will learn.

Always heartily,



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CLELAND B. MCAFEE
JAFFREY
NEW HAMPSHIRE

June 14, 1941.

My dear Robert:--

I wonder if you are as much disturbed as I am over the first utterance of our Moderator. His idea of a religious political party falls within the outmost limits of banality. A letter from one of his church women begs us to pray that the election will not continue to go to his head as it is now doing. He suggests that the clergy should sit in at the peace table--a good idea, provided we can select three of our representatives, say Bishop Manning, Henry Coffin and Stanley Jones. They would present a unified plan, I don't think. Several words have come from the Assembly itself testifying to his success in the actual work of the chair, and I was hoping he would submerge himself in the real life of the Church, as this first utterance does not do. But he is not the first Moderator the Church has survived.

We are reading Maurice Hindus' To Sing with the Angels, the story of the occupation of Czechoslovakia, a horrible tale of the suppression of a people in the name of their own good. Jan Masaryk speaks highly of its accuracy both as to the spirit of the people and as to the facts of the terrible weeks through which they were dragged. I wish Lindbergh might take it to heart. I am about as much troubled by the bad taste of

his procedure as by the content of his campaign.

Our next winter plans begin to shape up but not so definitely as to be binding as yet. I think we ought to spend the next winter as the last, in a teaching ministry. I have already agreed to go to Erie for a week with Ralph McAfee at Covenant, and for two weeks at Rochester with two of my students, Paul Johnston and Bill Meyer, the new man at Central. This will be over by the middle of November, when we plan to go back to the Coast if the way clears, as it is now doing, to remain a little later than this year, and so to justify so long a journey. I am working on Ephesians this year with a series of evening lectures of theological discussion, such as the belief in divine providence in such times, the use of I Cor. 13, the course of the Christian in a newly-discovered world (science, internationalism, etc.), the content of the Christian Faith. If you have John Mackay's Preface handy, look up his word about the effect of Ephesians on himself, page 97. I find that Coleridge thought the epistle contained all the doctrines of the Christian Faith. Oddly enough, the Lord's Supper is not even hinted in it, while "one baptism" is. But it is a great tangle of glorious phrases anyway.

We are well established for the summer. I preach once in Brooklyn First Church, and once here, not otherwise so far as I know. But my garden is quite demanding and one cannot do everything.

Always heartily,

Alfred R. M.

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CLELAND B. MCAFEE
JAFFREY, NEW HAMPSHIRE

July 14, 1941.

My dear Robert:--

Thank you for Ned Dodd's word about Arthur Brown. I thought old age was a safeguard against prostate trouble. We may have to fall back on a farmer who worked for me one day recently, who said that men who drink plenty of water never have prostate trouble. It is wonderful how much medical knowledge one picks up from the unlearned.

Your program for the summer makes me hang my head. I am preaching three times before September, writing a little and doing nothing else. You must remember that I am a year older than you are and maybe by the time you are as old as I am you cannot do so much. But our plans for next winter are developing nicely and it looks like the Coast again and the same general program. I went lame again the other day but am getting about again with only a cane.

We are just leaving for a couple of days to see a grandson and a granddaughter, each in a camp in this state.

One of the morning papers up here says that Herr Hitler has put Goering in a concentration camp for having quarrelled with him, but the broadcasters say nothing about it and I am afraid it is not true. Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad at other people and Herr Hitler is mad a good deal of the time.

Hurriedly and affectionately,

Cleland B. M

CLELAND B. MCAFEE
JAFFREY, NEW HAMPSHIRE

75th birthday
Sydney

September 11, 1941.

My dear Robert:--

By this time you know how it feels to be going on 75, but you must not exult in it too much. You have still 26 years before you are 100, and that will be worth talking about when it comes. Certainly I hope to be in heaven long before that time, and I hope you will not have to stay around this world as long as that. It would be dreadful to have no heaven to look forward to. But I am glad to stay here as long as there are things to be done that seem worth the doing.

I see that you teamed up with the Moderator at Montreat. Give me a line on him as a prospective leader for the year. Several things he has said have seemed to me less than felicitous, if I may praise him with faint damns. I have tried to get him to inform himself on the present work of the Church, but I fear he has no sense of need to do so. I have agreed gladly to spend a week and two Sundays in his church at his request in February. He asked me for a period in October, but I am not getting out there so soon.

After a week in Erie with Ralph McAfee and a rest week with George and Ruth and a week with Paul Johnson in Rochester, if he is able to carry on after his break, we go out to the Coast for a full schedule of "weeks" with a good list of churches. George Irving has asked me to help in some of the seminars in which you have been so helpful

but I cannot take on anything more wisely. They furnish much better financial return than my present program does, but I have undertaken as much as I can do with it. Last winter we paid all our own way to the Coast and back and each church merely entertained us during the week of the visit. This year each church is chipping in a share in the travel cost, something like \$40 beside the entertainment. I wish I could emulate Paul and make the gospel of no cost to the churches, but I cannot quite do it this year.

I have been reading Sperry's What Do We Mean by Religion? and find it about as good as most of them. There seems an inclination to mean as little as possible by all the great things so that they will make as little strain on the faith of hearers as possible. I fear that method makes flabby believers. We need some tough nuts to crack if we are to have strong teeth and good kernels. I am working on Ephesians for next winter, a meaty book and rewarding. I find it the Epistle of Loyalty, as Galatians was of Freedom. I see that Mr. Goodspeed thinks Paul could not have written it because it so Pauline! He thinks somebody wrote it to introduce Paul to the church after his letters had been lost and redcovered. So he makes a kind of resumé of Paul. It is ingenious and useless as a theory of its origin. The only real difficulty is the extended argument for his Gentile ministry in writing to people among whom he had worked so long as he had in Ephesus. But if it ^{is} an encyclical, as seems likely, that difficulty is gone.

Have a good year going on 75. I am about through with mine and have been happy in it.

Affectionately,



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CLELAND B. MCAFEE

3447 Market St., Riverside, Calif.,
November 28, 1941.

My dear Robert:--

I feel very far away these days when the word about Mrs. Arthur Brown is so uncertain, and wish there were some way of knowing her condition. Arthur's note told of her stroke and coma, which makes it difficult to know what to expect as the next news. It will be an awful wrench in his life to have her taken away after all these years.

Tomorrow we go over to Santa Monica for the first full week of these studies and lectures. Another week follows at once in First, Los Angeles, and then we get back here on December 12th for a long holiday season, when churches are not prepared for such weeks as these. Beginning again on January 4th, the program runs on until mid-April, eleven churches. On our way West, we stopped for a week each in Erie, Penna., Binghamton and Rochester, N.Y., where I found Paul Johnston apparently getting back on his feet. Here in Riverside there have been several things to do for the Church, but we have had a good rest and are as well ready as could be asked for the work to begin. It is Advent Sunday and this always means a great deal to me. I have always begun my Christmas celebration on this day; it has always seemed too bad to use the great Christmas hymns on the one day and not for a good long period.

I am frankly relieved that we are not selling China down the river as we seemed about to do. But I am concerned for Japan if she does insist on predatory practices in this later day. What chance has she for anything but wreck? I have wondered that she has been able to keep going so long. The magazine article now being so widely quoted from Japan about the inherent weakness of the USA, is a testimonial to the spirit of totalitarian lands, when they cannot see us debating or differing in the process of action without counting it a mark of weakness and readiness for revolution. Seeing Lindbergh as President of a revolutionary government in Washington, with Wheeler, Nye & Co., as aids, is just about "tops" in misunderstanding of the American spirit. Out here I have not been around to know how much of the Lindbergh spirit exists, but no signs of it have come across my path, though it must be here in some degree.

I think Will Brown has done another good piece of work in his book, A Creed for Free Men. Some of it is pretty much like some of his earlier writing, but it is worth repeating, and much of it strikes out on new roads. I am enjoying Ephesians greatly and the course of evening lectures is going well. Here is a cutting from the Santa Monica calendar which outlines the week there. I am not sure of its being as attractive as a Sunday evening "Skit" by a College Christian Endeavor Society, but we shall see! Harriet joins me in cordial regards to Mrs. Speer and yourself. We are both well and looking forward to a happy winter.

Affectionately,

Clarence D. M. Coffey

South Mission



Singspiration Service

7:45 o'clock in the lower auditorium



Presented by

The Young People's Christian Endeavor Societies

Presiding: Joe Burt.

Pianist: Herbert Tweedie.

Song Leaders: Dick Jenkins and Byron Maynes.

Refreshments: Shirley Chandler, Jeanne Haverstick, Glennys Ride.

GROUP SINGING

SOCIETY INTRODUCTIONS.....by the Presidents

GIRLS CHORUS (Junior High C. E.) "Prayer of Thanksgiving".....*arr. Kremser*
Winona Overin, Glennys Ride, Ellen Johnson, Peggy Hutchinson, Martha Kipp

GROUP SINGING

GIRLS TRIO (College C. E.) "The Green Cathedral".....*Hahn*
Nadine Woodard, Margaret Lindsay, Mary Tenney.

THE EVENING PRAYER.....*Harrison Betts*

CELLO SOLO (Senior High C. E.) "Berceuse".....*from Jocelyn*
Martha Jane Brockett, accompanied by Heien Wells Etc.

THE 'DEVOTIONAL.....*Joe Burt*

HYMN: "Open my eyes that I may see."

SKIT by the College Christain Endeavor.

GROUP SINGING of "Friends"written by Bob Douthit

THE BENEDICTION.....ADJOURNMENT FOR REFRESHMENTS

DR. CLELAND B. McAFEE

Beginning next Sunday, November 30th, Dr. Cleland B. McAfee of Chicago will be with us for a week of special services. In the morning service his theme will be: "The Christian Faith as Attainment." In the evening service at 7:30 o'clock Dr. McAfee will begin a series of lectures on the general theme: "The Christian Faith in Our Day." This series is intended to reassert the Christian Faith in this day in which we have to live—to deny any moratorium on any of its provisions. The program for the week is as follows:

Evening Lectures—Theme: The Christian Faith in Our Day.

Sunday—The Content of the Christian Faith.

Monday—The Sources of the Christian Faith.

Tuesday—The Christian Faith in a New World.

Wednesday—The Christian Faith in Divine Providence.

Thursday—The Christian Faith in the Validity of the Law of Love.

Morning Studies at 10:00 a. m.—"Ephesians, the Epistle of Loyalty."

Monday—Chapter 1: The Center of Christian Belief.

Tuesday—Chapter 2: The Riches of God's Grace.

Wednesday—Chapter 3: The Amazing Love of Christ.

Thursday—Chapter 4: A Call to Christian Unity.

Friday—Chapters 5 and 6: A Call to Worthy Living and Equipment for It.

HAVE YOU A HOBBY?

It has been suggested that so many people, young and old, in our church family have interesting hobbies that arrangements might be made for a Hobby Night, at which time these could be exhibited. Are you a collector: antiques, stamps, coins, shells, minerals, books, pictures, china, buttons? Or is your interest in art, photography, radio? Do you know someone in the church who has an interesting hobby? Give your name and interest to Dr. Donnan.

Name

Address..... Phone.....

Hobby

Chimes From The Church Tower

REV. DAVID JOHN DONNAN, D. D., Minister. Residence, 710 Nineteenth St., Santa Monica, telephone 54190. Office telephone 51348. Rev. Herbert C. Tweedie, Assistant Minister. Mrs. E. L. Syphers, Sec'y. Mr. LeRoy H. Woodard, Sexton.

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC. Edward Shippen Barnes, Organist and Choirmaster. Miss Katharine Kamman, Soprano Soloist. Choir Rehearsals—Thursday: Girls' Choir, 4:15 p. m.; Adult Choir, 7:45.

YOUTH SERVICES, 6:30 o'clock. Christian Endeavor Societies for Intermediate, Senior, and College-age Young People. Intermediate C. E. topic: "Good Citizens are Thankful." Leader: Glennys Ride.

THE MISSIONARY BOARD meeting will be held Monday, November 24th, at 10:00 a. m. at the home of Mrs. E. M. Williams, 1830 Camden Ave., West L. A. Co-hostess will be Mrs. W. O. Lundberg.

THE BETA GUILD board meeting will be held Monday at 5:30 o'clock at the home of Ellamae and Nadine Woodard, 1422½ Seventh Street. Potluck supper.

RED CROSS SEWING. A group of our women meet at the church on Tuesday mornings at 10 o'clock to sew for the Red Cross. Women in the congregation are invited to share in this important work.

UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE. On Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock in our studies on "Understanding The Bible," the beautiful little idyll, "The Book Of Ruth," will be studied both from a literary and spiritual standpoint. This little volume is worthy of frequent reading and study. You are invited to share in this study.

THE WOMAN'S GUILD will have its monthly program and luncheon on Wednesday, Nov. 26th, at 12:30 o'clock in the church. Luncheon in charge of Mrs. James H. Hallock's committee. Program hostess: Mrs. N. J. Feiberolf.

THE SPIRITUAL LIFE GROUP will meet at the church Wednesday morning at 10:00 o'clock. The devotional message will be brought by Mrs. Floyd E. Mishler.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. A report is presented through the bulletin each week of the attendance of our Sunday School by departments:

Dept.	Last Sunday	Week Previous
Cradle Roll	26	30
Beginners	48	46
Primary	72	78
Junior	60	66
Intermediate	49	48
Senior	49	45
College	21	30
Adult and Staff	125	118
Total.....	450	461

THE FORWARD MOVEMENT

Educational Building:
 Painting Interior\$178.00
 Floor Covering 215.00
 100 Folding Chairs 250.00 \$593.00

Church Grounds:
 Sprinkler System\$548.00
 Lawn & Landscaping.... 275.00 \$823.00

Gifts reported last wk...\$1,416.00
 Gifts received this wk... 5.00 1,030.00

Balance Needed\$386.00

THE THETA PHI FRATERNITY will have a roller skating party after their meeting on Wednesday, November 26th. All young men between the ages of 18 and 30 are eligible to join this fraternity.

THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE will meet at the church this evening at five o'clock.

INTER-PHALANX CLUB BREAKFAST 7:30 a. m. Sunday, November 30th, in the church. Our church is represented by the Theta Phi and Sigma Phi Phalanx Clubs. These organizations are for boys 18 to 30 years of age, and are affiliated with the Y. M. C. A. Our Sigma Phi Chapter will be hosts. Motion pictures will be shown of the Y. M. C. A. work in war-torn China.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP. You are invited to consider membership in the First Presbyterian Church of Santa Monica. Members will be received into the church on Sunday, December 7th, at which time the Sacrament of Baptism will also be administered to children. Cards are in the receptacles in the seats nearby where you may indicate your interest. The pastor will be happy to confer with you about such matters.

THE WOMAN'S BIBLE CLASS will have its monthly meeting Thursday, Nov. 27th, at the church. Program and tea.

CHANCEL FLOWERS. The services of our church are greatly enriched by the flowers which are placed in the chancel each week under the auspices of the Friendly Society. The congregation is given an opportunity to share in this service by placing flowers in the chancel either as memorials or gifts. A number of dates are open and you are invited to communicate with Miss Eugenie Vater, telephone 55138, about them.

VISITORS' REGISTER. Guests in our congregation are invited to sign their names in the Visitors' Register which will be found in the foyer. The pastor is always happy to meet visitors and newcomers, and will gladly call upon you while you are in our community.

McAfee, Cleland B.

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3447 Market Street, Riverside, California,
April 8th, 1942.

My dear Robert:--

Our program here is coming to an end and we will soon be starting back to the East, Wellesley and Jaffrey.

Next week I spend at Pasadena in Robert Freeman's church now Eugene Blake's, remaining there for the following Sunday while he goes East for a Board meeting, return here for the evening service and then, on the 21st, we leave for the East, expecting to be in Wellesley by the 25th.

It has been a good winter with many opportunities. The last of the fourteen "weeks" will be the one in Pasadena, and only one has been interrupted in any degree by the war. The week of December 7th was hopeless, and we simply dropped the plans, but since then the evening meetings have been as good as could be expected in normal times. Indeed, there has seemed to be a special interest in the program, deepened by the unsettling of so many things on which people have rested. It is always awkward for a righteous man when his foundations are destroyed and he discovers that he has been resting on the wrong foundations anyway. I have been much helped in noting the interest in a lecture on the abiding faith in the providence of God and the abiding validity of the Christian law of love even in war time. I have had many of the usual requests for printing the lectures; most people not realizing how much of the sap of a lecture is squeezed out by cold type.

This has been a winter of pretty hard blows. George McCune went very suddenly; so did Will Covert. Two of our

most beloved Jaffrey men went away with a suddenness which leaves us dazed, one a professor in Wellesley, the other the retired Congregationalist who put their pension system on its feet. Ira Landrith's death leaves only one Cumberland moderator unstarred--the venerable E.E.Morris of 1901.

Arthur Limouze has asked me for some notes on Loyalty for the next Plan Book, and literature directly on the subject is almost nil. Of course writing on the place of Christ in life involves it by inference, but few books really get down to cases. It is a matter which everyone knows until you ask him. Hastings' Dictionary of Religion and Ethics has the only thorough article I can find on the subject ^{of course Royce deals with it.} in general. General Council has set for the theme of next year, Loyalty to Christ.

I am glad to have word today that you are giving the blanket inaugural charge at Chicago, and your subject intrigues me. With three new men to be inducted, I suppose your address can be three times as long as usual, and you will need to find several ways of saying that the Church expects the Seminaries to do their duty and to spend their time finding out what that duty is. With an eternal gospel to be expressed in all sorts of times, the Seminaries have a flying goal, while most of them have no wings. We always find it easier to stay put than to fly, and one of our constant problems is to fit eternal realities into the changing times. The Chicago Seminary is getting some fine men and you will help in starting them well.

Affectionately,

Clara D.M.

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CLELAND B. MCAFEE
JAFFREY, NEW HAMPSHIRE

October 16, 1942.

My dear Robert:--

Of course you have Dr. Avison's Korea letter wanting us all to join a society committed to securing the independence of Korea. I fully expect the defeat of Japan and the resultant freeing of Korea from that Empire.

I hesitate to join this society for two reasons:

1. I am not sure of the wisdom of putting missionary forces back of political movements even of the best sort. For example, I doubt the wisdom of India missionaries taking the side of India or of Great Britain in any public way. They are bound to differ too much, for one thing. I would have to be on Britain's side, for instance, in spite of my high admiration for "Miss" Buck and her moral judgment in favor of immediate Indian independence!
2. I am not at all sure of the present readiness of the Koreans to establish and maintain an adequate government. To be sure, they will never be ready until they do it, and yet I fear that the little country will be one more group for the protection of the stronger nations to care for. The government they had before the Japanese took them over was nothing to write home about and I am not sure that the experience of the intervening years has prepared them for much better. However, I would not let this be my major reason for hesitaion. The former one seems worth careful thought.

I would rather act in harmony with others than go it alone either for or against the invitation. Is it possible that the conditions after this war will be such that we need not consider the relation of missionaries to political issues so closely? Or are there precedents in mission history (which you know so much better than I do) which show that action of this kind is wise? Let me know your mind. Naturally I want to see anything just now released from Japan, and I fully expect it to occur. Equally I want to stand by Dr. Avison where I can do so. I do not now recall Dr. Rhee except by name. If I have met him, my mind is confused about him.

We leave here on November 4th for Rochester and Buffalo, one week each, then via Washington and one weekend to Asheville for December, January, February, then Indianapolis for March, St. Louis for April, and back here for May and the summer. I found it wiser to omit the three rougher months for travel and public service. I have two weeks of speaking in the Asheville section but am to be quiet the rest of the time. We have had a good summer and I feel ready for The Acts and some evening speaking. I am glad to see that you are taking or have taken the Missouri series with George Irving. It is my old bailiwick, you know, and I am much interested in it.

The Gripsholm story is stirring and I believe the scattering of missionaries over the Church will be a real contribution to the life of the people.

Heartily,



We have had so damp and cold a season thus far that my garden is a full month behind a normal year. I have not yet had a single thing out of it for the table, except some flowers! Not even the radishes have matured yet, and that is the last word in delay. My potatoes are doing well, and the corn and tomatoes and turnips, but beets, lettuce, cabbage, et al., might as well not be. It is a common complaint here because of a wet Spring when we could not get any plowing or harrowing done. Labor of that kind is scarce. I think I had better get a tractor, plow, harrow, mower, rake, etc., and set out to serve the community.

Plans for next winter are shaping. They include the Fall in Indianapolis in a series of "weeks" there and near by, then the rougher winter months in Asheville again and the Spring (Lent) in Chicago. I have just finished a six-weeks course on Philipians for the Board of Christian Education, around the new motto of the Assembly, The High Calling of God in Christ Jesus. I hope you have enjoyed John Mackay's little book, Heritage and Destiny, as I have. He makes less than I would make of the choice we can make among heritages; there are so many behind us. Floyd Filson's One Lord, One Faith, is a scholarly bit of work, reaching sound conclusions; but always with one eye on the other man and his ideas, a natural scholar's way of looking. He has some reservations which I do not share about the resurrection of our Lord and His Davidic descent. But it makes good reading for a course I plan for next winter on the Bible as a whole. I am to present the entire Bible in five lectures! This will leave nothing to be said, of course. Mrs. McAfee joins me in greetings to Mrs. Speer and yourself and in many thoughts of Margaret in these days. The Lord give her deep assurance of His presence!

Affectionately,

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(McAfee) Cleland B.

Jaffrey, New Hampshire,
September 10th, 1943.

My dear Robert:--

I have been celebrating the 10th by tearing up my flower garden so that we can leave it next week for the winter. Meanwhile, Harriet and I have been rejoicing with you and Mrs. Speer over the news of Margaret's prospect of return on the next Gripsholm. I am sure she will be glad to have been there all this time, but now that the doors seem closed on the thing she does there, she will be glad to get back. And all of us will be glad to think of her being here in preparation for the better chance of getting back to it after the noise is over. So, you see, we have not forgotten to be glad that you now belong to The Man of Seventy-six. I have cleared the path for you by treading it myself for a year. I hope you will have a good year in preparation for the better seventy-seventh upon which I enter next.

We leave here on the 16th for a week in Binghamton with George Brown's church; then we go for a series of weeks in Indianapolis, until December 3rd; when we go back to Asheville until February 18th; when we go to Chicago for the Spring in a series of churches there, winding up in Bloomington, Illinois, on May 5th; then back here. There are fourteen churches for a week each on the usual plan--a morning Bible hour each day, and an evening lecture, with two Sunday services. The "rest" weeks will be a good deal interfered with this year by Sunday preaching in emergencies. Dr. Frantz of Indianapolis First has had a bad horse-back accident which bade fair to be fatal at first, but now promises only seclusion until 1944, and I will probably do

some extra preaching there. I must have an extra week also at Hanover instead of a silent one, but of course count that real rest. This winter I am adding Philippians to my list of morning studies and a series of lectures on the adaptation of our Faith to the needs of our times. I wonder if you have seen "The Good Pagan's Failure," by Rosalind Murray, daughter of the great Gilbert. She became a Roman Catholic after being what she calls a Pagan during all her youth. It is a Longmans book and of course has a Roman slant, but some of its material is striking. John Mackay has done a good piece of work in his Heritage and Destiny, too.

George Irving's departure has left a gap in the organization of Church life. I have not heard of any succession for him or continuance of his program which helped so many people and in which you were such a continuous helper. Mrs. Irving wrote me of your helpful word at the funeral service. I hope he felt that his Board gave him full backing, but I do not know who can take up the plan now. I seem to be running such a one-man show that it looks thin beside what he and you were doing.

I had a note from John Welsh Dulles the other day, beginning his 95th year, and writing about something that had happened in the Madhen row, which I had forgotten, but he took occasion to say that we had now elected a Moderator who is a perjurer and who will help to bring the curse of Jeremiah on the Church. It must be painful to keep bile running so long.

The news from Italy is baffling as well as helpful. Now the German soldiers will have a chance to take out their contempt on the Italian soldiers. I hope they will find that the Italians are better fighters than they have thought. There is new energy in being on right side. But this was meant only to tell you that I am glad you were born, though I have never felt that I could take credit for it!

Affectionately,

Cleane B. M.

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CLELAND B. MCAFEE

Columbia Club, Indianapolis 9, Indiana.
October 28, 1943.

My dear Robert:--

Last evening I was in the famous little Hopewell Church in Southern Indiana in a meeting of Church officers from four or five churches, and met a number of ministers who had been in the McCormick Park conference with you and Dr. Piper. They are going in the strength of it, they said. Evidently it did for them what they needed and more than one spoke of it as the high experience of his recent ministry. I wish I could have gone myself, but the schedule here is fairly full and the "rest weeks" are not so well preserved as has been the case usually. But it is a joyous bit of service, small as it seems beside the larger conference work you are doing. It multiplies in personal lives, I believe, while your conferences multiply in ministerial influence, which is wider.

I watch the Swedish-Germany difficulties with special interest just now, hoping the break may not occur until the Gripsholm is safely in harbor. I would not trust the German U-boats to let her alone if the break occurred en route. Neutrality is observed only in the items of morality among our German brethren--in such items they are purely neutral, with a leaning toward unfriendly neutrality. After the ship is in, they may bust up as loudly as they please.

Lewis Mudge has sent me a copy of the Minutes and I have had a chance to read more fully the Report of Hugh Kerr and your committee on post-war duty. It is a strong document, and probably could not have been much shorter. The 19 "We Believe" at the end are

very impressive. I wish they could be printed separately in such quantities that laymen could have them. They need the whole document, but the era now calls for such snippets of ideas that a full statement on any subject is hard to get across. Most of the sermons I hear of are really the old sermonettes. There are twenty-minute ideas, and if they are the largest men want to use, then twenty minutes are enough, but there are larger ideas which cannot be put in twenty minutes without such elisions and omissions as leave much to be desired. I see that Henry Coffin went to a meeting in Binghamton where he could not have had more than that time for what he could say in the time allotted. Whether it was worth his while to make the trip from New York in a day like this for such an utterance is a fair question. I see that he means to get over ~~the~~ England during the Spring. It will be interesting for him and John Baillie to be together during this year. By the way, have you seen the letter from the Orthodox Church to our elders inviting them at last to leave the Church which has gone entirely astray by electing such a liberal as Moderator? It points out that of course many of our elders will want to escape from the condemnation which membership in such a Church involves and they will find refuge in the Orthodox Church which holds to the pure and simple gospel and the Westminster Confession. It declines to quote Henry at all, merely saying that none of his writings contains any clear statement of loyalty to the usual list. It is in the usual arrogant, boastful vein, and I suppose you will receive it along with the other disturbed elders. But don't go to the Orthodox Church. It is not really so fine as the letter implies.

We watch and pray for the Gripsholm and think often of Margaret and her coming.

Affectionately,

Edward

McAllister, J. Gray

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

June 5, 1942.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Dr. Lacy, who thought I had left town, has turned over to me your letter of the 3rd and his answer to it. I am writing at once to say that we shall be delighted to have your address on "What the Church has the Right to Expect of its Seminaries" for publication in the Review and to ask you please to send it to me as soon as this reaches you. I am planning to leave for the summer in a little more than a week and am trying to line up the early numbers of the Review before leaving. It will therefore help me if you will send the article by Special Delivery (for which I enclose postage), to my home address: 3217 Seminary Avenue, Richmond. Let me thank you in advance, and with good wishes remain,

I know you will give, in a footnote, the circumstances of the delivery of the address and the date.

Cordially yours,

J. Gray McAllister
J. Gray McAllister.

McAllister, J. Gray

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June 5, 1943.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
"Rockledge,"
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

I am taking the first opportunity that offers to thank you for your letter of May 22nd enclosing the article on "Foreign Missions an Experiment in Eugenics." I have found the article most interesting and informing and we shall be happy to use it in the Review when space is available. We are making our next (August) number a Westminster Assembly Number -- a stirring tercentenary hymn by Dr. D. P. McGeachy of Decatur, Ga.; an article on "Some Neglected Features of the Early Reformed Confessions" by Dr. J. Allen Cabaniss of Columbia, Miss.; the three tercentenary addresses before our Assembly May 31st by Drs. W. L. Lingle, J. McDowell Richards and John N. Thomas; and our usual number of book reviews. I will have the printers mail you a copy of it with our compliments. I am very much interested in the paper you have in hand on "The Consciousness of Christ." That is a great subject and we should like to read your handling of it in contrast with what I have increasingly felt has been the quite too superficial and facile treatment by some writers. About how many pages of the Review (at 370 words per page) do you think it would run? While our articles average about 12 pages we sometimes print an article of double that length, or more, when we can have the requisite leeway in time of publication. Please give me a rough estimate of the length of your paper. It is altogether probable that we can handle it. We want to.

Dr. Caldwell has been forbidden by his doctor to take the platform work at Montreat this summer and I have promised to substitute for him. I am so glad you are to be with us in the Bible Conference. We leave for Montreat June 15th.

With hearty regards and appreciation, I am,

Cordially yours,

J. Gray McAllister
J. Gray McAllister.

Having reached the retiring age last Fall, I am retiring from active service in the Seminary July 1st, but by special request of the Board I am continuing as editor of the Review.

n.d. McConaughy, David

21
25 Spruce St.,
Convalescents Hospital
Braintree, Mass.,

My dear Robert:

Had I written half
as often as I've ^{wished} my heart
has prompted, you might
have been calling "duits".
But hrs + days right
needed do not furnish ve-
ry much news for friend-
ly correspondence.

I'm now in my 16th month
of confinement - most of the
time to bed, but today I'm to
have dinner on the piazza,
with sunshine (breaking
many days of humid heat)
and a refreshing breeze!

Well, I have chattering
(over)

news - in a word -

"Discharged" ^{or} Monday (Aug 5)

I vacate my room (& hospital bed) here ^(for a few days) and go to Marjorie's home, in Hingham, Mass, before settling for some weeks with my wonderful nurse, Mrs. I. H. Hill ^{173 Rockland Ave., Malden, Mass.} (or ~~Port Clyde, Me.~~)

She has saved my life several times, and now is taking me into her own home, to confirm my recovery.

Who knows but that I may yet celebrate my 80th anniversary in India, with

my "Old Boy", Bishop Azariah? "Steward's life span" has been postponed for a while to 1941-'42.

Do you recall the day in 1902-03, I dropped in at your of-
(over)

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fies, and suggested our
inaugurating the Prayer
Circle, of which you & I (I
perhaps Jack & M.) are now
the only ones of the original
group; are we not?

I follow you with
praise & prayer, constant-
ly. Do you happen to
know whether Frank ^{Rooper}
is still on this ^{side of} ~~side~~
the River? I can ^{not} ~~not~~
will surely know, & some
day I'll get around to writ-
ing her, tho there are all
too many ^{above here} on the pile of un-
answered letters.

With loving greetings to
Mrs Sperry you I am
As ever your friend,
Nanette Conaugh

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DAVID McCONAUGHY
169 E. Lyman Ave.
WINTER PARK, FLORIDA

February 25, '41

My dear Robert:

I have just completed MS
of "PIONEERING with Christ among the young
men of India", and am sending you a copy to
look over; and if you are willing, I would be
pleased to have you write an Introduction.

According to the Prayer Circular, you
are just now with my dear friend, Roswell,
and I can therefore reach you quickly, and
get a reply from you without much delay.
If you are too much preoccupied there, please
wire me "collect" and let me know what I may
expect. I very much hope that you can do it
so that I may arrange with Association Press
and get it under way.

Can you not run down here for a lit-
tle visit before returning to the bleak NO.

Give my love to Roswell and his dear
wife; how I wish I could see you all there.
I am gaining steadily, and expect to remain
until May.

Affectionately as Always,

David

DAVID McCONAUGHY

DAVID McCONAUGHY, 19,
1071 Lakewood Dr.,
WINTER PARK, FLORIDA

March, 1941

My dear Robert:

You may be sure that I heartily appreciate the way you responded to my rather inconsiderate request. I had fully realized the advantage of having John, the Chairman of the Board of the Council, give the instruction. But as stated in my letter of yesterday, I preferred to have your name rather than his associated with mine. I had a talk with Jim - before he left, and talked definitely about this; he was willing to do it after getting back from South America, but had "not even an hour" free meanwhile. This delay would have been fatal, and I dismissed his connection with the book. He wrote that he would gladly back it up with Dean Bross. Chas. also, wished to do it; and will write an Appendix A, telling how I met and the fix on me for the place, and their experience with the King.

yard of 1888, shut in with me pulling
the collar up at me.

Shrewsbury Eddy will also write an
Appendix (B), letting how Horace Atkins,
Harry Rice & he assumed my salary,
until they went out themselves and I
was made a "partner" and copy Books
& Sons for some years.

I thank you heartily for taking the
time, in the midst of your lectures,
to write the introduction. feel free
to put your by heart into it, and I'll
be most grateful. If you should
wish to have a Biographer take it
and save your time, I will count it
a privilege to pay any expense in-
cident thereto.

The writing of the book was some-
thing of a tax (to speak for me, but
I've come thro' as good from Chap-
lyn ^{VI} was an off thought (suggested
by Chas. M. ^{and} ^{for} ^{land}), and there was no
time to correct your copy; but the orig-
inal takes care of my suggestion. I more
affectionately, I don't.

DAVID MCCONAUGHY

Winter Park, Fla
1071 Lakeview Drive
March 5th, 1941

My very dear Robert:

Your letter with Introduction enclosed has come, and I am sending it on to Frank Slack, to be attached to the MS of "Pioneering".

I almost always agree with your judgment, but in this case, I cannot concur in the judgment that the Introduction (I am entitling it Foreward) can not strengthen the book. Strange that the very mail which brought it, brought me a letter from another friend (of another Communion) who writes: "Congratulations on your asking Robert Speer to write a Foreword; no better man in the world could be found, to my mind." I found it difficult to keep back the tears, Robert, as I read what you have written, and I thank you with all my heart; I am satisfied that

the Master Himself has overruled to this outcome; and it is a fact, that I would rather have you associated with me in the book than any one else; if I were to try to express the gratitude and appreciation that I truly feel, I would surely appear to be exaggerating; so I will simply say: "Thank you with my whole heart".

Will you be good enough to send to Mr Frank V. Slack, #347 Madison Ave., New York City, your autograph, to have a cut made for use in the book.

With warmest regards, I am affectionately,

Your Friend as thro these many years,

David McLaughlin

*All corrections are made & am
rewriting the last paragraph.*

DAVID MCCONAUGHY

Confidential

#1126¹/₂ Oxford Rd.,
Winter Park, Fla. 4th November '41.

My dear Robert:

Just back from my supper, and all alone in the little nest which I have about completed here on the edge of Lake Virginia, I am reluctantly unbosoming myself to you as to the distressing situation in which I find myself; and I trust you to forgive me making a nuisance of myself in doing so distasteful a thing. You can blame it on our dear friend Dr Voorhees, long the State Secretary of the California State "Y", and later connected with the American Board. Recently he has made a home almost adjoining mine, and we are finding goodly fellowship here. Our experience has rather closely paralleled in enduring a long confinement which led close to the gates of death, and so given rather unusual glimpses of the Unseen & Eternal. I had become weary of solitariness and so anxious to have a place that I might regard as a "home"; and when a rare Quaker couple from Wisconsin last season agreed to share a house with me, in which the wife, Mrs Porter was to assume the role of housekeeper, I gladly consented to do more especially the providing a little house; and by the latter part of the Summer had it ready, when word reached me, that Mrs Porter was having a major operation which has made it impossible for them to carry out their part of the arrangement. Consequently I find myself in a serious situation, about \$650. short of what is required to complete the bungalow and furnish it very simply. My long illness has drained me so, that there is absolutely no resource to fall back upon. Then, to add to the stringency, the publication of "Pioneering" involved me in assuming considerable obligation in the financing of it. The season here has

already opened, and it is imperative that action be completed quickly, in order to save the situation. A loan of \$600. or at most \$650. would suffice, returnable within about six months.

Dr Voorhees thinks that, were the facts known to some of my friends, the fund required would readily be made available; of that I am not at all sanguine, but I am yielding to his urgency in stating the situation as above. So, to prayer I am adding the step of letting you ^(if you only) know the distressing situation, which is robbing me of sleep at present. I am very loathe to trouble you with this my trouble, but if you can in any way "help this lame dog over a stile", I will certainly be most grateful.

If the house can be made available shortly, I can see the way clear to get the necessary cooperation to utilize it as my home for the days that yet remain; gradually I have been coming back into something like normal, and for this I thank our dear Heavenly Father. Last week I had the satisfaction of meeting a select group of Stewards, who gathered in Chicago to meet me, Bishop Cushman, the new Chairman of W.S.U., flying in from Northern Dakota for the two days which none of those present will forget. Steps were taken to secure a Missionary Executive, as well as an Indiginous Associate, for leading on in the program already projected - notably in India, China, Korea, Siam and Iran. I rejoice to see this day and to have some part in it to some extent yet, I trust. A budget of \$6,000. a year for three years is being raised, in order to go forward with this advance.

Affectionately as Ever,

Wm. M. M.

DAVID MCCONAUGHY

1120 ^{Georgetown Rd.}
Winter Park, Fla.

18 Nov '44.

My dear Robert,

I fully understood & appreciated
your brotherly & frank letter in response
to my SOS. , and I have been coveting
an opportunity for thanking you for your
brotherly interest & desire to help, even
though hampered by unavoidable limitations
& ^{pressing} demands in other directions.

I was thinking not so much of
your own resources, but of influences
you might feel free to use with oth-
ers of greater financial ability.

Thus far light has not broken thro-
ugh - "the darkest hour is just before
the dawn" and I keep praying - that this
experience may yet be mine.

Affectionately, David (over)

That I have so far recovered,
and am able to serve to some extent
along the lines providentially opened up
for me from the very first.

I thank you for the heartening coop-
eration you gave in the Forward
to "concerning". Not a few readers
of that little book have commented
appreciatively on the warmth of feeling
reflected in it.

Ames,

McConaughy, David



Florida Sanitarium
AND Hospital

ORLANDO
FLORIDA

Guest's Stationery

My dear Robert:

3 Jan. '42

Aspen, 1120 Oxford Rd.,
Winter Park, Fla.

It was good of you to write me about the Soviet Day. Last night I had a vivid dream of you: We were over in Europe together at a Conference, and our fellowship was sweet, as thro' the years past. I have not seen the list of speakers for the Missions "Chin Lang", but, in case you are listed, I shall surely see you somewhere near.

I am not sick, but taking the most helpful "treatments" for which

the "Ben" is famous.

My "wee loover", "Lochaber", is finished & finished now, and I would count it a great joy to have you pull the last stitching any time before the heat of June comes on, affectionately,

Yours truly,
I shall always be grateful to have your forward in my "Pinnering".

George Full & Adenna are keeping house in Longwood, Fla., but 10 miles away.

Will I shall & Harriet - have gone down to the Canal to see their eye, & I wish you may stop over on the way up.

The Steinbecks, of Pekin, are sharing "Lochaber" with, & keeping house for, me. Amc

McConaughy, David



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3 Aug '13.

My dear Robert:

I am waiting over to repeat last season's delightful experience here, in celebrating our long unbroken friendship here! Then it was the 55th year, & now the 56th!

I leave for the North Monday 23rd, taking an upper Pullman from Black Mt. thro' to Baltimore, to celebrate with my son & only surviving classmate, Arthur J. Powers D.D. who is still Emeritus Pastor of a Lutheran Church in the Suburb of Balt. - the 63rd anniversary of our graduation, Gettysburg!

I hope you can reserve

me some time for us to keep
the trust of happy years ago
and look forward to the Union
days ahead!

God bless you, Robert, and
continue to see you yet more
& more!

With love & good approval,
ours always,
David W. Donaghy

(McConaughy) David
Sunday, Aug. 15/43

My very dear Robert.

Let no one deceive you
into thinking ^{that} I am sick —
^{our friends,} "that Kazan is sick" —
we're a bit of it! I'm just
a restin' a bit, and I'm
"on the top of the coop," wait-
ing to cross over your "common"
to which I've waited long!
My transportation is
taken (to Saltmore), where
my one & only surviving

Class-mate of 'Old'
'80, Gathysburg, is Count-
my on our 63d Reunion.
Aug, 26th -

Come to the Altz' + find
me, my dear Robert +
believe me
Ever + Always
Your David Mc

(McConaughy) David

"Missions Hospital",
Athens,

15 Aug 43.

My dear Robert:

Some baked $\frac{7}{8}$
in N.Y.C. is before me, and
kicks our appetite for seeing you.
I think since being brought
here, I can better understand
stand the R.C. side of Pur-
gatory. But I do not regret
the experience - apart from
some what over \$25 of cost,
with nothing to go to a good
deal do.

However I
shall enjoy all the more see-
ing & being with & hearing
you, my doubly dear brother
on the Spirit, Robert!

But I'm ever yours
David

McConaughy, David

Winters Park, Fla
30th Dec '13.

My dear Aunt (Mrs Perry):

It is so good to get
your lovely letter (in a label
@ 16 in a single delivery) that
I am moved to say a warm &
grateful Thank you (without
entailing the least acknowledgment
of my being unworthy)!

I am thanking our Father
for bringing Margaret back,
safely & sound, to you. And I
can do so with all the deep-
er note of praise, because
of my having cause, like-
wise, to give thanks. For-
while eating my solitary ^{evening} ^{times}
dinner (the first alone in 83
Years) word reached me that
our dear Aunt Smith, who
had been reported "missing"
about her ^{or about} ^{Franking} ^{SS.}
the ^{George}

in the Mediterranean after
visiting Australia, India &
Persia, was found ("Miss Mrs.
Navy Smiths on two ships & it
was the other one who
disappeared off the Coast of
So. America."

John Mott also, took
me most affectionately of
the Civil-War, and in re-
sponding I am suggesting that
Bellevue make out a Roster
of the members from the start.
Perhaps you will "second" the motion.

I am rendering "Koch-stein"
I am happily backing with
a retired Army Officer, Col.
Hastrowell.

With the utmost grati-
fying (again) I am
Ever & Unchangeably

Yours & Devoted

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n.d.

will be returning to Montreal - shortly,
I expect. She had a happy change
for two weeks in my little "loeb-aven"
but when "help" became impossible ~~to~~
as to make her comfortable, she went
over to the Wilson Nursing Home where
she is just now; her address is #2757
W. Frank's Ave, Winter Park, and
it would greatly delight her to hear
from you, if only a little note.

The W. Edises are in a little apart-
ment at the Lincoln, ~~Mar~~ Boulevard
West, in luncheon with her there
next Thursday, and will probably get
away to Montreal in another month or
thereabouts. As ever

Affectionately Your devoted
friend,
David McGonoughy

Dear Dr. Speer, ^{McCulloch, Mercy E.} 8-3-43

BY

In your last lecture at the Canadian School of Missions this spring you spoke of a friend who kept on his desk a list of resolutions. One was "not to let the undeserved love of others be an unpaid debt." This haunted me as I thought of the Father who prepared such a marvellous dwelling place for us, the forbears who adventured into the unknown wilds of our land to build a place for their descendants "to live in and to love in, to raise their children free, in the sunshine of God's blessing in the land of liberty", and the parents who planned for the coming of the unknown, untold quantity called me. So I just had to try to weave it into an acrostic. I

August 3rd
1943-

have a fancy for using that form of shell for the thought that impresses me.

I am up at my beloved summer home on the magnetawan River, and have not access to your address, so I'm sending this along to Dr. Rowell Murray. Dear knows where he may be disporting himself at the moment, nor when this will reach you - but it carries warm greetings to you from Dr. McCulloch, Dr. Rosamund Bischoff and myself - my daughter is doctor at a Boys' Camp of 40 lads from 6 to 19 who all call her "Bome" and evidently adore her though at first she says they were aghast at the idea of a "dame" being there. It has always been an entirely masculine affair.

This has been a grand summer here and the war news is most encouraging. I hope you and yours are enjoying all the good gifts - Sincerely yours,
Mercy E. McCulloch

My Debt.

L ove undeserved planned welcome for me ere my birth,
O pened life's glorious wonders to my youthful mind.
V ast is my debt. Love's coinage only can repay,-
E ach word, each act, - please God! - unselfish, true and kind.

M.E.M.

Geo Edmond & McCulloch
Edmer Lodge
74 Ardwood Gate
Toronto
Ontario

McCune, Helen McAfee

18 East Chestnut St.
Chicago, Ill.

Dec. 15, 1941
(George's birthday)

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Dear Friends: Dr. Spear:-

There are so many of you who will want to know some of the particulars in the events of the last few weeks that I decided to write a letter to all of you rather than wait to write and rewrite to each of you the things I want you to know. Some of you knew that George had not been very well all fall. Last spring he had a little stomach trouble but the doctor soon found and remedied it. During the summer, when we had the family reunion at Lake Geneva, and had the trip to California, he seemed in the best of health and vigor. This fall he gradually lost in weight and strength until he found it impossible to walk to the Institute, only a few blocks away, without becoming exhausted. At times his classes tired him so that he would hardly be able to return to his office without help. But George-like he kept going and the students scarcely noticed his condition - once he got before a class he was full of enthusiasm and energy.

On November 14 he went to the doctor for a check, such as he was having every ten days and Dr. Knight said he should go at once to the hospital for various tests and examinations. When he came home he prepared work for his classes for the following week. A few days later Stanley Soltau was asked to take temporary charge of his courses in Biblical Introduction, Christian Ethics and Christian Psychology, and other arrangements were made for the classes in Pastoral Theology and Missions.

On Saturday morning, November 15, we went to the Presbyterian Hospital where George began to receive examinations and treatments. He had fever and was in some pain, but his stomach tests did not show any trouble with his digestive system. It was soon evident, however, that the trouble was caused by a growth in the abdominal cavity which was affecting his kidneys, bladder, pancreas, and which finally did affect his intestines. He did not suffer acute pain but was exceedingly uncomfortable lying in bed. The physicians decided it was best to operate soon to locate the trouble, though they never held out much hope of being able to remove the growth completely. The efforts, however, to build him up to a condition where an operation was possible were not successful. He was conscious, but slept a great deal of the time. Friends who called to see him would find him like himself, sometimes ready with a joke and always with a smile. He talked to the man in the bed next to him and had the joy of telling him of Christ. He was always appreciative of the attention given him by nurses and others. It was his first serious illness and his first sojourn in a hospital.

After a few days, when it was evident that he was not responding to treatment, the doctor told me it would be wise to call the children. I had been reporting to them by mail each evening, but Saturday evening, November 29, I called all of them by telephone. Anna Catherine reached us early the next morning. George was not surprised to see her for she had been writing of coming. On Monday Shannon and Helen Margaret (with little Celie) reached us in the morning and McAfee arrived by air Monday afternoon, so we were all together during those last days with George. We had him moved into a private room and had special nurses with him, and we took turns staying with him day and night. The first days in the hospital he could read a little and he kept up his chapter in Genesis, in Kings and in Luke for himself; then there were days when I read them to him. After a time the reading of regular chapters gave way to comforting passages in Psalms and John. He loved to have us read to him and a Testament and Psalms lay close by him and he called for reading frequently.

His wonderful heart that went steadily on with its work, his fine constitution and his great vitality all combined in the fight against disease, but it was a losing battle. At times he was more comfortable and we were inclined to be hopeful, but our doctor never gave us much encouragement. Thursday evening, December 4, he was resting so comfortably that the doctor urged us all to leave and get a night's rest. We were staying across the street at a Y.M.C.A. and Shannon and Peggy, who remained at his bedside the early part of the night told their father goodnight at 11:30. Peggy came home to her baby at the house and Shannon came to the Y.M. to tell us to sleep on until morning instead of going to the hospital at two. At twelve, the nurse saw a change in George's face, and called the resident physician at once while the head nurse called us from the Y.M. McAfee was not in bed so he went at once, but even so George had gone when he reached him. We followed as soon as Shannon could call us and we could dress. At 12:10 he was gone, never rousing from his sleep, just a few minutes after the day, December 5, began. The immediate cause was a pulmonary embolism. Peggy had reached the hospital almost as soon as we did, so we five stood together by his side for a few minutes as we remembered all he had been to us.

Back at home we spent most of the night with telegrams and telephones. Our undertaker, Mr. Arntzen, is a deacon in the Fourth Church, and he and his helpers did everything so beautifully. Friends were lavish with flowers and our hearts were comforted by the loving thoughtfulness of all those about us.

Saturday morning Kermit Jones, Peggy's husband came and also on Saturday, George McCune, a nephew of George's reached us. On Sunday, Catherine, George's sister, came from California and Robert Kingdon, our daughter Catherine's husband, arrived. Monday morning, Edith, Shannon's wife came from Columbus, but Evelyn, McAfee's wife, was unable to come from California. My two nephews, Kenneth and Wallace McAfee, with Kenneth's wife, Ruth, and son Kenneth Jr. made up our immediate family. On Sunday morning, those of us who were here went to have our last little service around George's casket and all by ourselves to say good-bye to that loved body. During Sunday afternoon many students and other friends went in to see him in the peace and quietness of the beautiful chapel.

Monday morning the casket was taken to the Fourth Church for the services. The pall bearers were Messrs. Graham and Hopkins from the Fourth Church, Coleman Crowell and Stauffer from Moody Bible Institute, Soltau and Bernheisel from the Korea Mission and Hahn Young Kyo and Hahn Soon Kyo from the Koreans. Mr. Spach, the organist, a personal friend, was in charge of the music and his selections comforted us and the many friends who filled the church. Mr. Beverly Shea sang Brother Cleland's "Near to the Heart of God", and Maurine Parzybok, the contralto of our church choir, sang "Oh Rest in the Lord." You will be interested to know that the words of that solo were often recalled by George in the hospital and time after time we read the 37th Psalm to him, and several times he mentioned her singing "Oh Rest in the Lord" at church. Dr. Anderson directed the service, assisted by Dr. Zaun who read the Scripture and lead in the opening prayer. Dr. William Blair from Korea spoke of George's missionary life, Dr. Fitzwater, Dean of the Institute, spoke of his life at Moody, and Dr. Anderson gave us a word of comfort and of encouragement. Many students of Moody were there, faculty members, Koreans, church friends, so many gathered with us. We sang together some of George's favorite hymns and then left the Sanctuary and went to the chapel where we lingered awhile.

We were so many that our church friends, Dr. and Mrs. Anderson, planned for all of our family and a few friends to have lunch in the church dining room. Then began the scattering. Shannon left for Cambridge, back to his work. Bob and Anna Catherine, Kermit and Peggy, McAfee and I left for our trip to Parkville where we laid George's body away. Edith and her dear little baby, who never saw her adoring Grandpa, left later in the evening.

Some of the friends living in Kansas City met us in the morning. John Myers took us to breakfast and then the girls and I went in their cars to Parkville while the boys followed on the train. We met again at Parkville depot where many of the relatives and friends were waiting for us. Brother Howard, Lucy and Malden

were there. Brother Howard had arranged for everything concerning the interment out in the cemetery where his body lies near my Father's and Mother's graves. You who know that cemetery can picture us standing there looking off to the southeast to the spires of MacKay and the other Park College buildings that cover the hill. How many times George had stood there and looked out on that view! Our minister sons, Robert and Kermit, conducted the service of Scripture and Prayer, and led us in singing "Rock of Ages" to the old Bliss tune. It was such a beautiful day and Brother Howard had planned everything so perfectly. After lunch at Mr. Breen's we returned to the cemetery and again stood by the grave, with so many beautiful flowers which had been sent here and to Parkville.

Before returning to Kansas City, we drove around the campus and showed the family where we had lived and been educated and had taught and had married. Precious memories came with the sight. The girls and their husbands have now gone to their homes, Sister Catherine has left for California and McAfee and I are spending the rest of the month here. No need to say how much we miss him.

So many letters, telegrams and flowers have testified to the love he had awakened in others' hearts. The word most frequently used has been "radiant" and brings to us the vision of his smile and his abounding energy. I wish we might share our letters with you and perhaps some day we may.

The last thing George wrote was a telegram scribbled on the margin of a daily paper which he wanted sent to Mr. Crowell on Thanksgiving Day. It read: "This is my first experience at being sick. I know I am and am making improvement. Operation will come Saturday or Monday. I know you are praying for me. On this beautiful Thanksgiving Day I had hoped to enjoy your home but Rom. 8:28 gives me peace and Eph. 5:20 and 2 Cor. 9:15 express my sentiments. My prayers are with you and all the family. Phil. 1:3."

Sincerely yours,

Helen McAfee McCune

I thought you would like to know some of the particulars of George's sickness and of his going. It seemed very sudden to us all but had been gradually coming all fall.

Thank you very much for your letter which I received a few days ago. We appreciate very much your words of sympathy. It is good to feel that God is using him in higher service for it is impossible to think of his not being actively working for Him in some way. The children have all returned to their homes but I am staying on here for the present.

McCreary, George

446 West Forty-Seventh Street
New York City

. My wife and I and four of our children are this far on our way to the French Sudan to preach the Gospel of the Grace of God to 50 million people there who have never heard it. The Lord said to us, "Put yourselves in New York, and I will send a boat to take you to Africa." You join with others, will you, and pray to this end, and we will write to you and tell you what the Lord is doing about it. Our God answers prayer.

Starting from Spokane, Washington on the eighth day of August with thirty cents in my pocket and a suitcase, contacting those to whom the Lord sent me, and asking for nothing except that they pray that the Gospel be preached to those people in Africa who have never heard it, in sixty-nine days zig-zagging across the country, I had hundreds of rides. The Lord said, "Put yourself there by the roadside, and I'll send someone to pick you up." As often as I obeyed Him, He kept His promise to me. Never once did He let me down. I was out there at all hours from dawn until ten o'clock at night. And, besides, whenever I was hungry there was food before me, and I slept in a bed every night. People were always putting money out at me. I asked them, "What is this for? Did the Lord have you do it?" When the answer was, "Yes, you take it. You may need it before you get across," in that case I took it, and unless I had an immediate need, I sent it home to Mrs. McCreary and kept back not a penny for food or lodging. My wife put it into a savings account to be used to pay for hers and the children's transportation across the country. Some very marvellous experiences I had, proving every day and every step of the way the Lord's grace and faithfulness.

On January 3, the twins, Jean and Janet, arrived and almost immediately secured positions. On January 22, Mrs. McCreary and the two small children came. We agreed to write from time to time to those who gave us their names and addresses to tell them what the Lord is doing in answer to the prayers of those who are praying. The Lord has kept us so constantly busy making contacts until now, and being unsettled, we have not been able to write to every one to whom we promised to write. Now we are in a position to do it, and when this is done we see nothing to prevent our going forth. The Lord has said, "You will go when and where and as I tell you, or you won't go at all. You do what I tell you and I'll do the rest." We are taking Him at His Word. "Our Father is rich in houses and lands. He holdeth the wealth of the world in His hands." And He says, "Ask and ye shall receive." John 16:24. "Whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer believing, ye shall receive." Matthew 21:22. "If ye shall ask anything in My Name, I will do it." John 14:14. Whenever He sends the boat, we will know about it, and we will be ready to go.

The Lord says, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest." Matthew 9:38. If you desire to have a part by prayer in this work of the Lord, and the Lord leads you to pray, I am sure that you will receive a blessing. Please tell other praying people. Drop us a line, and we will write to you, too, from time to time, and tell you about it.

Yours sincerely,

George McCreary

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GEORGE D. McDILL
1451 EAST WILSON AVENUE
GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA
Citrus 2-2273

August 27, 1943.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Speer:

Yesterday our mutual friend Dr. Moses Breeze asked me whether I had mailed you a copy of our Church paper of the 15th. I had not, and Dr. Breeze urged me to mail you a marked copy. So here it is with this explanation:

Being short of "copy" for that issue, I put in a lot of my own "stuff," which I rarely do.

The sentiment from your pen I copied from the Y.M.C.A. "Old Guard News".

With apologies for printing any of my wandering thoughts on the same page with your words of wisdom, and with kindest personal regards,

Cordially yours,

Geo. D. McDill
Bay International Committee
Y.M.C.A. - Retired

Macdonald, Robert W.

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January 4, 1940

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Thank you very much for your note of
December 28th.

Certainly it will be appropriate for you to
show my letter to Dr. Mudge, Dr. Pugh, my Uncle
Clelland and anyone else who can help in the matter.

The only reason for putting "Personal" on the
letter was to make sure that it would not be opened by
some stenographer at 156. I want to be careful that
my action in the matter does not get back to Dr. Downs.
I am afraid he would misunderstand my motive.

I am enclosing two copies of my letter of
December 21st so that you may pass them to whomsoever
seems wise to you.

Cordially,

Robert W. Macdonald

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December 21, 1939

Personal

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New York City

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Please understand that the dissatisfaction is not in any way with Dr. Downs' teaching or preaching. His sermons are all right except for the length of them; he never will learn after repeated informal request to shorten them. The trouble is more a matter of personality. As an old friend of his, you can guess what I have in mind without my putting it into words.

It occurred to me that in view of the possibility of things coming to a head in the local church, it might be worth while for me to write to you and possibly one or two other of his friends in the East to see if some effort could be made by his Eastern friends to present his name to other churches which may come to their attention.

Dr. Robert E. Speer

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December 21, 1939

If you think there is any possibility of something along this line being accomplished I will try to exercise a restraining hand on the situation.

Naturally, Dr. Downs does not know of my writing this letter. While we have had differences on specific problems, nevertheless I have earnestly tried to prevent my dissatisfaction with the present situation growing into any feeling of hostility. But he might so interpret it if knowledge of this letter came to him.

The next time you see Franklin Mack, it is possible that he or Mary Moore could fill in some of the gaps which necessarily are present in this written page.

May I have your counsel?

Yours cordially,

Robert W. McDonald

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December 21, 1939

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The next time you see Franklin Mack, it is possible that he or Mary Moore could fill in some of the gaps which necessarily are present in this written page.

May I have your counsel?

Yours cordially,

Robert W. Macdonald.

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McElroy, Frank H.
Quitman, Georgia
Sept 11, 1943

Dear Dr. Speer:

If this request doesn't make excessive demands upon your time, I would like to have a copy of the following poems quoted in your message at 11 a.m. on Sunday Aug 22 at Montreat as you interpreted John 9.

1. Poem in which is the line "sorrow is my guest."

2. Poem in which is the line "Dipped in bath of hissing tears"

3. " " " " " " " "I can see as well as ever in my dreams"

(I would like to know the occasion of this 3rd poem.

(An old gentleman - who is almost blind attends our services)

4. Poem: "Sanctify them by the merit of the Holy Cross."

5. " " : "The Cross has won the field."

Your messages were most helpful -

Yours truly,

Frank H. McElroy, Pastor
Presbyterian Church.

P.S. Will appreciate also a copy of that card handed by a carpenter to a boy entitled "God Wants Boys"

ROBERT GARDNER MCGREGOR
LAKE PLACID CLUB, P.O.B. 623
NEW YORK

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Dear Robert:-

Indeed Impus does fight
and we seem to be fighting with it. But
it's lots of fun to be busy - to keep
step with it. I have no trouble to
keep your date in mind - you and Ned
Buckley, the same date with five
years difference. Mr. M. Buckley as

here and you have been asked to keep
Wednesday pm. pm, because of some plan
Mrs. B. is arranging. Wish you and Mrs.
Spur were to be here, too. D. Merrill
is the Chh. preacher, this month. The
Educators go back to Princeton to-morrow.
Many, many people have left, so the place
is now taking on more or less its
winter appearance. I hope you are both
well and will stay so for many years to
come.

Ever affly,
Yrs

Wm.

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1467 Midwood Ave

ROBERT GARDNER MCGREGOR
~~LAKE PLACID CLUB, P.O. B. 622~~
NEW YORK

Bronxville, N.Y.

Sept 8 '42

Dear Robert:

I salute you as you come up
to your three score & odd fifteen. I
do not need to express the hope that you
are well. The regularity of your preach-
ing in N.Y.C. pulpits, tells us that you
must be - for which all of your
friends are grateful. Ever my best
to you and Mrs. Spier.

Robert

McGregor, R. G.

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"The Fairways"

Pelham Manor, N.Y.

Sept 10 '43.

Dear Robert:-

I wish you'd mention
Father since. For me, give him
a limited A Book and a
couple of flat Fees. It's in
fair the way he dips off the
pages from life's calendar. You
are going along and some of
us are right on your heels.
It's a joy, however, to turn
that from your mazy wander-
ing you keep so well. Keep it
up; but don't over-do.

You'll be interested to turn

that I've booked myself as pastor
interim with the Westminister
Pres. Church of Lincoln, Nebraska
and to report there for Oct 10th.

After my long period of
comparative idleness it will
seem both strange and good to
be back in the harness.

My greetings to Mrs.
Speer and your good self.
May you have many more
happy returns.

Ever affly yr

Wm Seward McEggs

To Dr. Wm C. Speer.

McGregor, Robert G

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTRIAN CHURCH
SHERIDAN BOULEVARD AND SOUTH STREET
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

December 29, 1943

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Conneticut

Dear Robert,

You are good to write me as of the 17th inst. which came duly before Christmas and added to our Christmas joy. So many times we have spoken of you and Mrs. Speer and rejoiced with you in the return on the Grips-holm of Margaret. How happy she must be to be back in the old home and with father and mother whom she loves so devotedly. A note from Ned Bulkley tells me that shortly after she arrived she came down with the flu. I hope it is past and that all three of you are now quite well.

We are enjoying our stay out here in the west immensely. You know the Church but you do not know the people. They are the finest and have done everything to make us comfortable in our stay here.

By the way, do you know any man around thirty-five whom you feel would be acceptable to this people? The door is wide open here for a grand work by the right man. We have no idea how much longer we'll be here except that we have promised to stay until the permanent man is found.

We have been much more fortunate in our weather than you people back in the east. We've had zero once, and we've had two snow storms and now the snow is all gone. Every day brings a flood of sunshine. However, the farmers are crying for snow or rain. They want and need the moisture.

And now, a happy New Year to you and the dear ones in your family circle. God bless you.

Ever affectionately yours,

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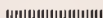
Howard R. Johnson

With all Kind Thoughts and
Good Wishes for
Christmas and the New Year

from

Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert McIntosh.

"Trigle," Hillcrest Avenue, Bexhill, Sussex.



- (1) This new address is our last removal on account of evacuation instructions.
- (2) Christmas is a good time to fill the gaps caused by war hitches, especially on sea.
- (3) In war-time we have found comfort in the 46th Psalm: God has been a "refuge and strength," and we have often listened to the words, "Be still and know that I am God." We think of His commandments, and realise that Love is the fulfilling of the Law.—There is just room for some of Christina Rossetti's words:—

"Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lowly, love Divine:
Love was born at Christmas,
Star and angels gave the sign."

"Trixie", Hillcrest Avenue, Bexhill,
Sussex, England, Nov. 28. 1941.

My dear old friend, 179

Just a line as time is limited.
Memories and thanksgiving fill my
heart as I think of your safety amid
peril, and all God's goodness to us these
the years You have been such a
help to us in so many ways.
Your serenity and understanding care
and constant service have inspired us.
You have made luminous, understandable
and attractive and real, a spiritual and
eternal realities.

My wife has not been well (we are
both now eighty!) She suffers from Sprue,
arthritis, with eye and other troubles:
let us have much to be thankful
for. We are comfortably settled,
and I trust there will be no more removals.

Christmas letters come from China:
the Chinese realize the beauty of the
thought of "a cross at the centre of God's love".
I trust your daughter and family are all well
I trust being freed from my wife and
I am old friend Herbert W. K. T. O. K.

Mack, Joseph B.

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Georgetown Presbyterian Church

GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA

JOSEPH B. MACK
PASTOR

April 17, 1941

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

As direct results of your week in Georgetown, ten persons have united with our church, five of these on confession of their faith. Two accepted Christ as Saviour and joined the Methodist church. Both renewed interest and quickened energies have been increasingly evident among our congregation.

Unboudtedly you observed that Georgetonians do not move quickly, and it takes our community much longer to graps a situation than we sometimes admit. But exceedingly complimentary remarks have come forth, with profuse thanks for having you here to speak to our people. I feel that another week would have been a wonderful blessing to us all.

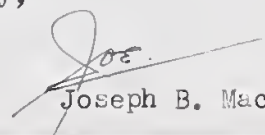
I am renewing my request to you for a return visit. The next time you will find many more people attending the services and there will be a greater opportunity, I believe. Mrs. Mack joins me in this request. We both feel that our lives have been very much enriched by having you with us, though we did not see as much of you as we desired.

Please forgive this tardy letter. I have been far busier since you left than I had expected. We have closed our church year, passed the Easter season and this week had our stated meeting of Harmony Presbytery. Though late, my thanks to you are all the more a sincere expression of appreciation of the results that we see each day.

Spring broke on us very suddenly. The trees have popped out, and the woods and gardens are filled with new beauty. I wish that you and Mrs. Speer could see our country at this season.

Mrs. Mack and the children join me in sending warmest personal regards and all good wishes.

Cordially,


Joseph B. Mack.

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

December 3, 1943.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Robert:

Thank you for your note of November 27. I was sorry to miss you out in Ada, Ohio. Had it not been for the gasoline shortage, I should have been among your auditors for at least one session.

I am delighted to hear the many reports that come to me from all over country of your fruitful ministry. You are, and always have been since I first made your acquaintance, no end of a challenge to me personally. Many is the time since your departure from our midst that I have missed you acutely in our counsels here and in retreat.

I am inclosing a separate letter to you about Luke Ray, thinking that you may want to send it on "as is." I know Luke very well personally. About every time he comes to town he drops in here for a little chat. You may know he was Alumni Secretary of the Biblical Seminary for some time. I suspect that he may have been more or less responsible for my having been made a member of the Board of Trustees of that institution from among the alumni.

I saw Luke just the other day and he really looks very well to me. He tells me that he is feeling fine and that his local physician in Millerton swears that he never could have had any such illness as his medical history details. Apparently he has learned to live in such fashion as to get the maximum amount of work done with the minimum of over-exertion - which is a good thing for all of us to learn I suppose! I hope he gets the job at Knoxville. Now that he has recovered his equilibrium as a pastor I should hate to see him stay indefinitely in a place like Millerton.

Whenever, good Sir, are you at home? I have long promised myself that I would descend upon you but you seem always to be in transit!

Sincerely,



S. Franklin Mack.

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Mackay, John

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

October 3, 1940.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
"Rockledge",
Lakeville, Connecticut.

My dear Dr. Speer:

I added a little postscript to the reminder regarding the Trustee-Faculty Dinner saying that you might expect a real letter from me before the end of the week.

We got back from California at the beginning of September after a glorious summer. We all drove together across the continent by the northern route, taking in the Yellowstone Park on the way, and came back by the southern route, visiting the Grand Canyon. In California I had a rather full schedule of meetings, having the evening addresses at the Synod and a number of other preaching engagements, including a sermon in the University of Stanford Chapel. We then left the young folks in the Forest Home Camp, which is run by the First Church of Hollywood in the San Bernadino Mountains, and Mrs. Mackay and I went over to Honolulu. We were there for sixteen days during which I spoke at two different conferences. All of us returned home in the pink of condition except Duncan who, on the way, had shown symptoms of some stomach ailment which later developed rather seriously.

A few days after our return Duncan had to go to hospital. He was operated on suddenly at midnight about three weeks ago for a ruptured appendix. The case was a very serious one, and our anxiety was deep for the first ten days. Happily he is now well out of danger, with the draining almost completed, and he due to be soon transferred to the infirmary. We are most fortunate here in Princeton in having a first-class surgeon, Dr. Belford, an old pupil and friend of Dr. Finney's.

As little extras on the side, beside the regular work on the campus, I have had in these last weeks the Bicentennial Celebration of the University of Pennsylvania, and a number of meetings of the Foreign Board. As the new Chairman of the Foreign Department Committee I have tried to be of some help on the everlasting Chosen issue. The Board had a special meeting to deal with the matter last Monday. I presented a document as a basis of solution which has gone back to committee and will be up again at the next meeting of the Board. I have a feeling that we are going to be able perhaps to find a basis of agreement on the difficult issues that have divided the Board and the mission. But no one has a right to be too optimistic when the question concerns Chosen.

We are having a fine start this year. The enrollment is 232. So many high-grade students desired to enter the Junior class that we accepted 72. There was no evidence in any quarter that any of the applicants were coming because of their desire to escape the draft. The vast majority, in fact, had applied early. There are three candidates for the Doctor's degree, all students of our own. This afternoon the Committee on Graduate Studies is to review the comprehensive examination which the candidates had during the last

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week. The Faculty spirit is admirable. Young Hugh Thomson Kerr is now with us, and will be one of our guests of honor at the Trustee-Faculty Dinner.

There will be no matters of outstanding or crucial importance for the Administrative Committee on Monday evening, but there will be a number of matters for consideration. The Grounds and Buildings Committee and the Curriculum Committee will meet before Board meeting on Tuesday. According to returns there ought to be a rather good representation of Board members.

You will have heard of the wonderful gift by Mr. Samuel Robinson of the American Stores. On the last week of June he expressed a desire, through Dr. Erdman, that I should pay him a visit. Dr. Erdman and I went to see him together. We had a wonderful conversation about the Seminary and the things of the spirit. A few days later Mr. Robinson made over to the Seminary five thousand shares in his company which, at their present value, represent \$58,000.00. That means at present an income of \$5,000.00 a year. The thought of God's great goodness in having put the thought of such bounty into the heart of one of His saints has greatly cheered me during the whole summer. Other prospects appear to be good for the Forward Movement.

California is eagerly looking forward to your visit there along with Dr. Sizoo. I preached in the Berkeley Church and got the impression that Dr. Downs is really doing a fine job. I am very much impressed with his irenic spirit in these days. In the conference in question he has succeeded in transcending many barriers, uniting everyone around the great verities.

I trust William and his bride are well. I look forward to seeing them when I preach in Wellesley in the late winter. William wrote me suggesting that I meet a group of people in the Cambridge area, and I hope that it may be possible to have an evening together.

You will be glad to know that I succeeded in finishing for the printer the manuscript of my Sprunt Lectures. Macmillan hopes to publish the book on the 26th of November. I don't know that I have made a great contribution but I think that many ministers and laymen and others will find some interest in what I have tried to express on the subject "A Preface to Christian Theology".

Mrs. Mackay and I look forward eagerly to seeing you again. Give our united affectionate regards to Mrs. Speer. With the same to you personally, I remain,

Yours ever,



John A. Mackay.

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Mackay, John A.

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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

November 1, 1941.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
"Rockledge",
Lakeville, Connecticut.

My dear Dr. Speer:

The passing of Dr. Mackenzie has created a new problem for the Seminary. In the course of the present year it will be necessary for the Board of Trustees to appoint a successor. My thought has naturally been very much engaged regarding the vacancy. I want to share with you right at the outset my best thought on the subject.

It is clear to me that Biblical Theology came to occupy a very anomalous position in the Seminary. In a Seminary like ours, whose teaching is founded squarely upon the Scriptures, all theology is, or should be, Biblical in the best sense. The object of the special chair bearing the name "Biblical Theology" was to trace God's unfolding revelation through the Scriptures. This was what Dr. Vos did, or rather was supposed to do. For, as a matter of fact, the Prophets were never included in the basic course. In New Testament Theology he did not get beyond the Synoptic Gospels and the life of Christ. Under Dr. Mackenzie the course resolved itself largely into a brilliant discussion of key passages in the Bible which had great inspirational and homiletical value for the students. While the course was not systematic, the lectures contained very great insights which the students treasured and never forgot. But the original purpose of the chair, to give a systematized account of the unfolding divine revelation, was not met. On the other hand, the fact of such a chair tended to rob the study of the Old and New Testament fields of doctrinal content. A tradition was formed that the chairs of Old Testament and of New Testament should devote themselves exclusively to critical, linguistic, and historical matters. That in itself was very unfortunate and broke with the best tradition in Anglo-Saxon theological colleges, where great teachers of the Old Testament, like A. B. Davidson and George Adam Smith, dealt with the thought content of the Old Testament Scriptures, while men like James Denney were masters in the interpretation of New Testament thought. It is quite clear to me that the time has come when the chairs of Old and New Testament should again devote themselves seriously to interpretation as well as to history and criticism.

If that were done, however, it would mean that a first-class chair of English Bible should be founded, or, in the case of Princeton Seminary, should be reestablished. By a first-class chair of English Bible I mean a chair taught by a man who should have the following qualifications. He ought to have a good working knowledge of both Hebrew and Greek. He ought to be a firm believer in the Biblical revelation. He ought also to have such gifts of imagination, and such didactic qualities as to make the great personalities and the truths of Holy Scripture live forever in the minds of his students. One of our greatest needs is that our students become intimately

conversant with the Scriptures. Nowadays they do not come to Seminary, as in days of yore, with a good working knowledge of the Old and New Testament. The Bible Schools, despite their aberrations of thought and method, are doing a better job than we are in securing that the students that attend them come to know the content of Scripture. It is for us now to do a better job than they on a higher level and more in accord with our Reformed tradition and outlook. It is going to be exceedingly difficult, I admit, to get a man of the kind we need. But we must all cooperate in getting the right man. My own mind has passed in review a whole range of personalities. So far as my thinking has gone there is only one who appears to measure up in any way to what I believe is necessary. I wonder if you know him or have met him. He taught for a good many years in the Biblical Seminary, New York, and for a period substituted for Dr. Erdman in the Seminary here. He is now Professor of New Testament in Union Seminary, Richmond. His name is Howard Tillman Kuist. He was born in Illinois, educated in New York University and Biblical Seminary, and subsequently studied in Germany and Manfield College, Oxford. He has written several books which are well spoken of. I have met him personally on several occasions and was with him in Montreat at the last conference which I attended there. I recall that sometimes I have heard him described as the most outstanding teacher of the Bible in America. I am wondering whether you happen to know Dr. Kuist and, if so, how he has impressed you, and whether you consider that he ought to be taken into account. When Dr. Mudge was here the other evening I asked him if he knew Dr. Kuist. He said that he did and knew a great deal about him, and that everything he knew was very favorable. We both agreed that I should write you about the matter. Happily we have lots of time in which to survey the field and make up our minds.

The only other two people that I have been able to think of at all as in any way possibilities are Dr. Earl Douglass, Philadelphia, and Dr. John Bowman of Western Seminary, Pittsburgh. For both I have the very highest regard. Earl Douglass and I are very intimate friends and, while I am not exactly intimate with John Bowman, I rate him exceedingly highly. I do not believe, however, that either of them is in the same class with Kuist as an outstandingly successful teacher of the Bible. Earl Douglass, from what I know of his personality and writings, is a solid and rather conventional type of writer and teacher. Bowman is a good teacher, but, so far as I am able to judge, he is lacking in those imaginative qualities necessary for a very great teacher, the kind of teacher we sorely need. And, so far as my thinking and knowledge go, Kuist is in a class by himself. If he is not the person that we want it would be necessary to look out for some one more outstanding than he. Kuist, of course, is a member of the Southern Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Mackenzie's funeral took place on our Day of Prayer. The interment was private at the desire of the Mrs. Mackenzie and the family. Mrs. Mackenzie is far from being a well woman but is standing up remarkably, and we are all standing by in order to be as helpful as possible. I have given her the assurance that she may have the house until the month of May, and that full salary will be paid until at least December. The Administrative Committee,

Dr. Speer.

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when it meets in December, will have to take definite action. But on the basis of what the Trustees have done in similar cases Mr. Loos and I desired to relieve her mind of anxiety for the immediate future. It appears that there is no will and she has naturally a good deal of concern.

Dr. Mackenzie's death coming just at this time has been a great shock to us all, teachers and students alike. He was the strongest and most rugged personality on the campus, and, so far as pure force of personality goes, he will be difficult to replace.

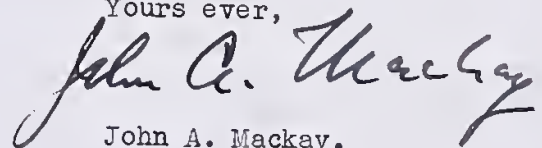
We had a wonderful Day of Prayer, the most moving day in my experience in Princeton these last five years. Everyone felt the same about it. The whole day was devoted to talking about prayer, describing the great areas that needed prayer, and to fervent prayer and intercession.

Mrs. Mackay and I felt overwhelmed with the gift you all gave us. We did our best to head off the event and finally had to fall into line, especially when we heard that the gift had been purchased during the summer. The precedent was not a good one, but the very real affection of everyone deeply moved us.

This is a very long, rambling letter, but I have wanted to unbosom myself to you on this whole question of the chair in order to have your best thought and judgment.

With affectionate regards to Mrs. Speer and you,

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John A. Mackay". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

John A. Mackay.

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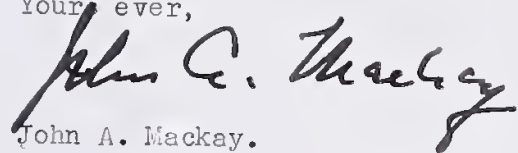
Dr. Robert E. Speer,
"Rockledge,"
Lakeville, Connecticut.

My dear Dr. Speer:

Thank you for your comments on the letter I sent you. I am now enclosing a copy of a letter which I have addressed to the members of our Curriculum Committee. It is along the same lines as the one I wrote you, save that I have not mentioned possibilities. It will give all concerned a chance to do some good thinking on the subject. At the same time, so far as my explorations go, I can discover no one thus far who can be compared with Dr. Kuist in suitability.

With affectionate regards,

Your ever,


John A. Mackay.

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Dr. Speer

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

November 25, 1941.

To the Members of the Curriculum Committee

Dear Friends:

The death of Dr. Mackenzie, coming as it did so suddenly and unexpectedly, has created a new problem for our Seminary. The Chair of Biblical Theology, of which Dr. Mackenzie was the incumbent, was founded, as you may know, in order to bring Dr. Geerhardus Vos to Princeton. Dr. Vos was a very eminent teacher and an erudite scholar whose thought was marked by strongly dogmatic and allegorical traits. In his prescribed course for undergraduates on Old Testament Theology he rarely succeeded in getting beyond the early chapters of the Book of Exodus. Some times he was found on one side of the Red Sea, and some times on the other, when the term came to a close. But his students in the prescribed course never got a full-orbed view of Old Testament Theology. In the New Testament course corresponding to this, the lectures were limited to Revelation in the Synoptic Gospels. In the last years of his life his courses may have become a little more comprehensive, but I have reason to believe that even then the development of Biblical thought was never presented as a whole.

Dr. Mackenzie was a man of native genius who combined linguistic knowledge with marked theological and homiletical interests. His courses, though not very systematic, were of very great inspirational and homiletical value to his students. He was the strongest and most original personality on the campus and his place as a man and a teacher will be hard to fill.

Now that the Chair of Biblical Theology is again vacant, it is my judgment that the Board of Trustees should seriously consider changing its character. A special Chair of Biblical Theology has always seemed to me to be somewhat anomalous. Its existence deprives the professors of Old and New Testament of the privilege of dealing in their respective chairs with the deeper aspects of Biblical thought. In our Princeton tradition this is exactly what happened in recent decades. These two chairs became devoted exclusively to historical, critical, and linguistic matters. On the other hand, in the European theological tradition, both British and Continental, the professors of Old and New Testament have always dealt with theological questions. One has only to think of James Denney in the New Testament and George Adam Smith and A. B. Davidson in the Old. My first recommendation would be, therefore, that the professors of Old and New Testament be given the responsibility to deal also with theological questions in their respective spheres. In the case of the New Testament, Dr. Piper is admirably equipped to teach the theology of the New Testament, and Dr. Gehman is being given the opportunity to give the course on Old Testament Theology next semester. He has become increasingly interested in the thought aspects of the Old Testament, and his new course will be awaited with interest. Were he to show that his strength lay rather in historical and exegetical questions, it would always be possible to associate with him a man of the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor who would be competent to deal with the theological side of Old Testament studies.

The integration of the Chair of Biblical Theology into the other two Chairs mentioned would leave us still, however, with one of our principal problems, namely, to provide first-class instruction in English Bible. When I became President five years ago I was not enthusiastic about a special Chair of English Bible for the simple reason that it seemed to me to overlap unnecessarily the Chair of Biblical Theology. But, were the latter Chair to disappear as such, the situation would be different. What I propose, therefore, is this: that the Charles T. Haley Chair of Biblical Theology become a Chair of English Bible. The need for such a Chair is very great. Time and again we are told that our students do not have an adequate grounding in the English text of the Scriptures. The criticism, I believe, is one of very long standing in the history of our Seminary. While it is true that students do not come to Seminary so well versed as formerly in the text of Holy Scripture, one is bound to admit that what has been given to them hitherto in the way of Biblical instruction does not make them the peers of men trained in the Bible Schools. The aberrations of Bible School teaching, on the one hand, and the increasing need for sound Biblical instruction, on the other, make it imperative that we give our students an opportunity to be as well grounded in the books of the Bible as the graduates of the Bible Schools, in such a way, however, that they shall not fall into the eccentricities of interpretation shown by graduates of the latter.

If this policy were adopted, it would be necessary, of course, to secure a very exceptional man for the Chair of English Bible. He ought to be competent in the languages of Scripture, and a firm believer in the reality of the unfolding Biblical revelation. He ought to be a man of vivid imagination so as to be able to make the great personalities, the great episodes and the great books of the Bible live in the minds of his students. He should, at the same time, have outstanding didactic gifts so that under his guidance students would effectively master the contents of the Biblical records. Such a man it will be admittedly hard to find.

I am sharing with you these reflections in order that the problem may receive your best attention. In this way we shall all have done some thinking on the subject when we come together as a committee in the near future.

With warm personal regards,

Yours very cordially,

John A. Mackay.

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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

December 29, 1941.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
"Rockledge",
Lakeville, Connecticut.

My dear Dr. Speer:

I have been asked by The Reverend Jorge Cesar Mota, Rua Helvecia, 772, Sao Paulo, Brazil, who is Assistant Pastor to Dr. Miguel Rizzo, to get your permission for him to translate into Portuguese your book on the Gospel of John. He says that he has a copy of the Spanish edition, but would like to make the translation direct from the English. He would, therefore, like to have a copy of the book.

Everything I know about this young man is good, and I believe he would make a good translator. I am giving him permission to translate "The Other Spanish Christ" into Portuguese.

With affectionate regards,

Yours very cordially,

John A. Mackay
-J.A.M.

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Signed in Dr. Mackay's absence.

Mackay, John

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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

August 12, 1942.

Dr. Robert E. Spear,
"Rockledge",
Lakeville, Connecticut.

My dear Dr. Speer:

Two weeks ago or so I sent you a copy of a circular letter which I addressed to all the members of the Board of Trustees, intending upon my return from the Middle West to send you a personal letter.

I am now officially on vacation and am using the first part of it to get abreast of my correspondence which has got somewhat behind owing to an unusually busy summer. Towards the end of the month Mrs. Mackay and I are going to get away for ten days or so into the Poconos. But nobody around Princeton seems to be in a particular mood for a vacation this year.

We had a truly marvelous Institute, with nearly two hundred people present. What charmed me most was the calibre and the spirit of those who came. I feel that we have started something of great importance which can be developed into a very vital influence. The week following our Institute I gave Union Seminary a couple of days. During the first two weeks of their conference they had fewer than we had. The third week, the week that I was there, they had about the same number. They run for about four weeks. Each week, however, is a unit in itself.

You will be interested to know that I am getting everything ready to get our Review under way. The committee will be meeting on September 16, and I trust that some recommendation will be ready for the Trustees to act upon at the meeting in October. Now that our graduate work has been organized, and the Seminary situation normal, I am free to throw myself into the Review, and am prepared to give a major amount of time to this project. The time is most opportune for the old Review to be resuscitated, and I cannot but feel that we shall have many collaborators and an eager reading public.

I am in touch with Dr. Mudge about the Chair of English Bible. Dr. Kuist made a splendid impression while here. Mr. Niles and Dr. Hallock Johnson, who attended all his lectures, were most enthusiastic about them, and I have reason to believe that Dr. Whallon and Dr. Farber, who also attended, were impressed. My own mind is certainly clear that he has the qualifications that we need. But I would not want to press the matter if the Board of Trustees really feels that no one but one born in, or at least now a minister in, the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. should be appointed to this Chair. If this point of view prevails against all evidence that Dr. Kuist is probably the outstanding Bible teacher in the country of the type that we would want here, then I would say that within our Presbyterian family the next candidate in order would be Dr. Bowman of Western. I have

Dr. Speer.

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very great regard for him as a scholar, a man, and a Christian, but he lacks the fire and didactic ability of Kuist.

I trust you have been able to slow up somewhat in these last weeks. What a pace you set at your years for the rest of us! And yet what a pattern to keep before us. Lakeville must be lovely in these days, especially if you have been having the summer showers that turn the lawns around Princeton into pieces of English countryside.

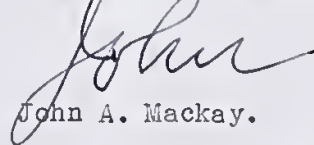
"Heritage and Destiny" is coming along very slowly because of many interruptions, including another article for the New York Times Magazine, which ought to appear towards the end of August. I have been working also on a paper for a symposium which John Foster Dulles is getting out in the fall.

Have you by any chance seen reprints of Hocking's and Reinhold Niebuhr's articles in "Fortune"? I received two reprints the other day, and I am giving your name that you may get them also. If you have not seen them I know you will enjoy them. They are two of the finest things that those men have done.

Give our united affectionate regards to Mrs. Speer, who I hope is well. I take it for granted also that other members of your family and not a few grandchildren will also be with you.

With warmest regards to you personally,

Yours very affectionately,


John A. Mackay.

P.S. Kuist is, as you know, a teacher
in Union Elementary, Richmond.

Mackay, John A.

PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

March 25, 1943.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
"Rockledge",
Lakeville, Connecticut.

My dear Dr. Speer:

After long deliberation and careful attention to ways and means, the Trustees and Faculty of Princeton Theological Seminary have reached the decision to sponsor the publication of a theological journal. This journal, while picking up again the tradition established by the famous theological review which was, from 1825 to 1929, associated with the name of this Seminary, will not in its new form be an organ of Princeton Seminary, nor will it be controlled exclusively by the Princeton Seminary Faculty.

The Board of Managers, a committee which has been appointed to act as a holding corporation, have asked me to assume the responsibility to become Editor in Chief of the new journal. As I have felt for a number of years that there is a place for a new type of theological review, I have accepted this responsibility. Approval has been given by the Board of Managers to a list of distinguished, representative names who, while forming a unity in their loyalty to the historic Christian faith, have had a wide experience in diverse fields of activity, whether as teachers in seminaries, colleges, or universities, as active pastors, or as leaders in some branch of Christian service. This group, which it is proposed to bring together for a prolonged session at least once a year for the exchange of opinions and the combination of insights regarding the conduct of the journal, will constitute the Editorial Council. The Council will collaborate with the editors in directing the review and in making it all that it ought and may become in the life of the Christian Church in our time.

I am writing you this letter to ask you to become a member of this Editorial Council. That you may be able to form a judgment as to what is contemplated in the new journal, I am enclosing a document which will provide you with the needed information. I do hope that, after the careful study of this document, you will consent to becoming one of our number in this venture of faith.

It will interest you to know that I have succeeded in obtaining from a Christian layman a considerable annual subsidy for Theology Today, which our journal will be called. I am not without hope also that further grants may be forthcoming from other interested sources. The technical arrangements for publication have been under way for some time, so that it ought to be possible for the first number of Theology Today to be issued on January 1, 1944.

I am thrilled by the prospects that open up before us in this most crucial period in the history of Christianity and the world. It would mean everything to me in facing my editorial task to feel that I could look forward to your interest and collaboration in creating a theological journal of vitality and influence.

I shall await your reply with prayerful anticipation. After the Editorial Council has been constituted a meeting of the members will be convened for the late spring.

With warm regards,

Yours very cordially,

John A. Mackay.

This is the form letter that I am sending to all. I do hope you will be one of our Editorial Staff.

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THEOLOGY TODAY

Aims

The aims of Theology Today shall be the following:

1. To contribute to the restoration of theology in the world of today as the supreme science, of which both religion and culture stand in need for their renewal.
2. To study the central realities of Christian faith and life and to set forth their meaning in clear and appropriate language.
3. To explore afresh the fountain of truth which resides in that Christian tradition ordinarily called Reformed, and to show the relevancy of that tradition to the contemporary problems of the Church and society.
4. To provide an organ in which Christians whose faith is rooted in the revelation of God in the Bible and in Jesus Christ, and who are engaged in different spheres of activity, may combine their insights into the life of man in the light of God, with a view to interpreting the meaning of our human situation and developing a Christian philosophy of life.

Policy

1. While Theology Today shall not be a mere forum for the discussion of diverse opinions, the writers who contribute to its pages will be free to express their particular views within the aims and objectives of the journal, and each writer shall be alone responsible for his ideas.
2. The attempt will be made, as far as possible, in all the articles to combine importance with interest, scholarship with simplicity, doctrinal truth with practical relevancy, so that, while scholars may derive benefit from their perusal, general readers, both clerical and lay, will be enlightened and inspired thereby.

Organization

1. The literary direction of Theology Today shall be in the hands of an editor, an associate editor, and a book-review editor, who will have the advice and assistance of an editorial council. The editorial council shall consist of members of the Faculties of Princeton and other Presbyterian Seminaries, of Christian professors in colleges and universities, and of persons, both clerical and lay, belonging to the Presbyterian and other churches, who are in sympathy with the aims and objectives of the journal, and able to make a contribution towards its development. The council shall meet annually when possible at the call of the editor, during which time the situation in the field of thought will be surveyed, the orientation of the journal determined with respect to certain major questions, and plans laid for its conduct during the year ahead.
2. The production, selling, and distribution of the journal shall be in the hands of a business manager.
3. In order that the editors may not have to carry all the burden and responsibility involved in preparing and editing each issue, they shall have the cooperation of a small working committee composed of persons who live in or near Princeton, to be appointed by the Board of Managers in consultation with the editor. In cases where a divergence of judgment may arise among the members of the editorial committee regarding the contents of any particular number of the journal, the final responsibility for making a decision shall rest with the editor.

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Mackay, John A.

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PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

June 10, 1943.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
"Rockledge",
Lakeville, Connecticut.

My dear Dr. Speer:

Now that Commencement time and the Presbyterian General Assembly are both over I am free to take up again the thread of the journalistic project about which I informed you some time ago.

I wish to thank you personally for the interest you have manifested in this project, and for the willing and enthusiastic response you have given to the invitation to have a part in shaping the destiny and promoting the interests of the new journal.

You will be interested and gratified to know that every one whom I approached concerning membership on the Editorial Council of THEOLOGY TODAY has given his consent to serve. I enclose herewith a complete list of the members of the Council in order that each member may know who his colleagues are. It has become clear also by many indications that there is a real place for the review which we have in mind, and that the response to our efforts will be cordial across the country.

What is important now is that we should all come together as a group at the earliest moment that may be convenient for a majority of the members of the Council. The suggestion is made that we hold a meeting in the Princeton Inn on September 29 and 30. The purpose of this meeting would be to review the field of religious thought and contemporary life in order to define the crucial issues which should be dealt with in early numbers of THEOLOGY TODAY, and proceed, at the same time, to make plans and define policies for the review in the years ahead.

In order that some preliminary thinking may be done and concrete material prepared before we come together, I am enclosing a brief questionnaire which I am eager you should answer at your leisure. Feel free to add whatever other reflections or suggestions may occur to you. I should appreciate hearing from you in this connection at your early convenience, and, if possible, not later than June 30.

I ought to say that the plan is that we meet for dinner at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, September 29, and go through at least the afternoon of September 30. Travelling and entertainment expenses will be met for all who attend. I do hope that you will find it possible to be present.

Would you be kind enough to let me have in the near future some biographical data and a photograph which would be used for publicity purposes in the fall?

As this adventure upon which we are embarking together will be both a cademic and futile unless we receive light and strength surpassing human wisdom and the natural energy of our minds and wills, it is important that we be banded together from the beginning in earnest prayer to God that the wisdom and power which He bestows upon men in Christ may be ours at each stage in our enterprise.

With warm regards and fraternal greetings,

Yours very cordially,

John A. Mackay
John A. Mackay.

Mackay, John A.

PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
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July 17, 1943.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
"Rockledge",
Lakeville, Connecticut.

My dear Dr. Speer:

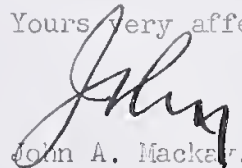
Your morning Bible Hour on John during this last week and your presence on the campus were the high spot in the first week of our Institute. You have left all who heard you, and our Seminary as a whole, very deeply in your debt.

As I know you realized, I found myself in a rather difficult position so far as attendance on courses was concerned. I got to two of yours and to one or two of the other morning meetings, but campus duties and the absence of Dr. Roberts and Mr. Loos, combined with preparation for the new course I have been giving this summer at 11:30, made it impossible for me to be present on all occasions, in accordance with my desire. I am giving a course, as you know, for the first time on the Religious Literature of Spain and Latin America.

I am enclosing herewith a check for one hundred and five dollars to cover your expenses, and as a little token of our appreciation. Please bear in mind that the grant from the Pitcairn Crabbe Foundation, through Dr. Kerr, makes it possible for us to do this without drawing upon our Seminary funds.

With warmest personal regards to Mrs. Speer and you and the other members of your family who may be in Lakeville, and wishing you a very quiet and restful time for the remaining weeks of summer,

Yours very affectionately,


John A. Mackay.

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Dear Mrs. Speer:

I was so happy to have been able to reach you last night, in fact the pleasure of it made me less judicial in my thinking than I perhaps should have been. Mrs. Moore had been wondering yesterday afternoon whether Mrs. Finley had been able to talk with you about the extent of our hope for large gifts, \$1000 to \$2500, from some of the people on the list which she had reserved for herself and you. When Mrs. Finley last talked to me about her plans she said that it had been impossible for her to find a really good time for consultation with you, but that she felt certain that you and she together could carry through on these names, which are the real heart of the possibility for good returns from this area. Mrs. Finley was then facing the fact that it would be only through several gifts of \$1000 and more that we can secure the balance necessary before June 30 in order to qualify for the conditional \$47,000. The list as Mrs. Finley checked it includes:

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Mrs. Moore is being splendidly dependable and really inspired in the way she is carrying her chairmanship, but she is feeling bereft at the loss of Mrs. Finley's leadership at this critical time and I know she will be counting heavily on your help. We will be at your service for consultation anywhere at your convenience after you return from the South.

Sincerely yours,

Eva P. Macmillan
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My dear Mrs. Speer:

I hope you like the Yenching booklets that have been sent to you recently. They are intended to assist you in your appeals for the endowment fund. They can of course be mailed with your personal note, but they are especially designed to take with you when you make your personal interviews. Leave them behind, as a not-too-gentle reminder!

I hope the booklets do their job and bring us all luck. We need it! We still have \$15,000 to raise to make sure of that conditional \$47,000.

Yours very sincerely,

Elisabeth Grace Moore
(Mrs. Maurice T. Moore)

Mrs. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

Macmillan, E.



as from
150 Fifth Avenue
New York New York

13 April 1940

Dear Mrs. Speer:

It was a tremendous help to find your note on my desk in New York when I returned after three days in Boston. I came down just for to-day, to keep unavoidable appointments, and am returning by to-night's train in order to attend the services for Miss Kendrick in the Wellesley chapel to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon. Her going is a great loss to many of us.

I have put the question of the 16th of May to Miss Chou by note and shall see her within a week and get her definite answer. She will come if she can, and, if not, perhaps Miss T'an can arrange her program of broadcasting to permit an absence. Then there is Miss Fang also. All three are performing in our Boston luncheon on April 25th, and I shall have more confidence about their comparative charms after that event.

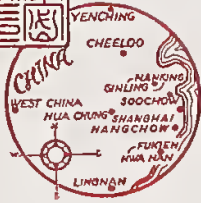
Probably I can be in Salisbury for the 16th if the meeting follows the supper - even if that is the day of the Yenching annual meeting - as something tells me it is. But I do not believe you need me - in fact, I know you don't.

I am most grateful for some sentences in your letter - reminders of that which is deathless. "Of Seasoned Timber" goes about with me these days.

Yours devotedly,

E. Macmillan

Macmillan, E.



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Please reply
Mr. Spencer

Dear Mrs. Spencer -

Chou Hsien-tzu (Nancy)

says she can be with you for
May 16 and the other gatherings
if you think it worth while. She
wants to come. Will you be
writing her some time soon at
Pomeroy Hall, Wellesley College?

Yours -

Miss W.C.
Can you speak
here Th. May 16
Supper Mtg. for
China - Coorg
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I want
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I would meet you
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Dear Mrs. Speer:

We have enjoyed so much the cheering effect on a dull day of the slight task of dispatching your letters to Mrs. Lamont and Mrs. Slade. We have made copies, but are not sending one of each to you, since you did not ask to have them.

It is a telling addition to the conviction of what your letters say that they go in your own typing, a touch which those who know your days will value.

The beautiful stamp with the two flags is the kind of friendly gesture one likes to remember. China produced this stamp at the time of the opening of our World's Fair and our national celebration of the beginning of the United States as a nation. The Chinese characters say "America, beautiful country, opened, 150th celebration". It is splendid to have the map of China include the Northern Provinces.

Yours,



EBM:ds

Copy of letter typed by Mrs. Robert E. Speer, addressed to
Mrs. Thomas Lamont, 107 East 70th Street, New York City

Hotel Irving
Greenwood, Mississippi
April 12, 1940

Dear Florence:

It may seem like madness for me to ask you - or any one - to think of China when more and more the lights are going out on the other side of the Atlantic, but you are one of the people who do not need to be reminded that the future of the world is quite as likely to be decided in Asia as in Europe, and so I am not at all hesitant about bringing the needs of Yenching to people's minds today.

One cannot put into print many of the things one knows, lest they bring further dangers to those who are quoted. There is therefore an assumption that things are "quiet" within the occupied area. There is a state of quiet on the Yenching campus, outwardly, but behind it is a back-drop of strain, of anxiety, of poverty and starvation that result in mental break-downs, in disease, in outbreaks of violence that do not get past the censor, and usually only comes to us through letters brought out by travellers. There is no greater miracle in modern history than that Yenching should have been able to carry on its work of educating, without Japanese intervention or supervision, the hundreds of Chinese boys and girls who come to them for the only chance there is for free thinking and unintimidated study.

Some of the boys might be able to go to the schools that have moved to the west of China; very few of the girls could. Yenching is their only chance, and Marnie has said from the first of her years out there, that there is even more hope for China in its girls than in the boys, for the girls are trained to a discipline that life has not asked of Chinese men. Yenching's endowment for the women's college - of which Marnie is dean - is pitifully small. To increase it now means putting the women's college in the position that a woman is in when she does not have to go to her husband for every cent of car-fare, or for each postage stamp. The enclosed from Marnie's last letter shows the need for such money. The faculty use for these needs now, from their own salaries, all that they can of the benefit that they receive from the present rates of exchange. Carolino Slade, I hope, is coming to see you to tell you more of all this. I wish I could read you Marnie's letters of this past winter: I doubt if wild horses would bring her home, no matter to what post, away from this need, one of the most vital in the world today.

Mrs. Lamont -2-

From Mrs. R E Speer
4/12/40

There is no better investment than to help China now,
and to help Yenching women is to help at the centre of China's struggle.

Rob is here for some church work. This is an interesting
part of "America", and it is good to see how much more they know and care
about the rest of the world than they did two years ago.

Much love to you. Come to see us again in Lakeville.

Yours always,

(Signed) Emma (Speer)

P. S. I can't copy what I want you to see from the last letter from
Peking, but I am having it copied in New York, to be sent to you from
there. Even my portable typewriter is not equal to a secretary.

Copy of letter typed by Mrs. Robert E. Speer, addressed to
Mrs. F. Louis Slade, 49 East 67th Street, New York City

Hotel Irving
Greenwood, Mississippi
April 12, 1940

Dear Carelino:

With the news from Europe getting worse daily, it must seem like madness to try, now, to get more endowment for Yenching, but those of us who know Asia, know that the future of the world, and of our own country, hinges quite as much on what happens there, as it seems to turn on closer connections with Europe, and knowing what I do from Marnie's letters, I do not hesitate to do my utmost for this modest sum now asked for the Yenching Women's College.

There are few miracles greater in history than that Yenching should have been able to carry on undisturbed with the Japanese army all about them. The life on the campus sounds quiet, until one reads between the lines; or some uncensored letter comes through by the kindness of a traveller, then one knows the back-drop of strain and tragedy behind the routine of college life.

The faculty are doing their utmost to use what they can, that comes to them from the balance of exchange, to meet the most urgent needs, but it is not right that the Women's College - as a college - in relation to the University, should be in the position of a woman who has to go to her husband for each postage stamp, each car-fare, and when the cooks go on strike, it shows how close the village population is to rice-riots.

The amounts that have already come in for this endowment are miraculous, too. If we, here, in our safety and comfort, cannot help this need, one wonders what will happen to us. Here, in this hinterland, it is interesting to see that the sense of responsibility is at least growing.

You will do all you can, I know, both in seeing Florence Lamont and in your own gifts. If you want an interesting moment, go in to see the editors - and officers - of "China Today", on West 23rd Street. They are a gallant lot, as are the young men and women who are working on the Non-Aggressions movement.

We are here for Reb's work in the churches. I wish I could see you.

Love to you,

(Signed) Emma Speer

Macmillan, Eva

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1 May 1940

Dear Mrs. Speer:

For posters we have nothing except the enclosed picture-spreads which we have used for adorning certain letters this year. Perhaps with attached notices of the meeting these can serve some purposes. Of course we have large photographs, but I assume you are speaking of use in places where valuable material might be damaged.

In film (16 mm.) material we have the long Yenching and Ginling story films which take about 45 or 50 minutes to run with the long-arm projector which makes it possible to run the entire length without change. With other projectors which necessitate change of reels, the running time is about an hour. X We have a condensed 400 foot reel of the Ginling film, taking about 15 minutes. Any of these could be lent to the man of whom you speak. The slide material - which is varied and most interesting - would have to be accompanied by the undersigned!

This note is being dashed off as the May first parade blares past our windows.

Yours -



McMillan, Jeannette



Happy
Birthda

182 Seaman Ave.
New Rochelle



Sept. 8/41

As you enter the Birthday gate
today
May you find the best of
health and cheer,
The kind that will linger
on and on
Through many a happy year.

The wish of an old
friend who prizes much
your friendship
Jeannette McMillan

MADE IN U.S.A.

McMillan, Jeannette (?)

But am smiling through
what comes = Had a nice letter
from Miss Connell - Haven't
seen her for a long time - Miss
Carter also sent a good one =

Please give my best wishes
for the New Year to all in
your home - Some day I hope
we shall see each other, and that
then you will believe I believe in
~~Foreign Missions~~ Janet McMillan

761 Summit Ave
Upper Montclair
N. J.

Jan 13/43

My dear Mr. Speer

Your letter of Jan. 1st
was specially welcome - telling
as it did of the happiness of
you all in having your son in-
law here on a furlough.

It is wonderful in our
lives how the pleasant sur-
prises come - but even when
they do not, or we fear they
may not - we get some assur-
ance that all is well -

I do hope you soon
have good news - the kind
you want - about Margaret -

I had a lovely kind
of a Christmas for I could not
be with my cousins as I am
usually, and have been for
years - So I was glad when
the holidays came to an end

No - I am not blue -

46 Madeline Ave
Montclair N. J.
Me Miller, Jeannette
Aug 20/43

My dear friend:

I haven't had
even a line from you
these last few months
that I know of. But
my memory is a bit

lazy even yet =

You haven't forgotten
me - I am sure -

But - a line would
be appreciated by your

friend -

Jeannette McMillan

I cannot walk much
yet = I must have hurt
that leg when the heart

back on me.

sent

McMillan, Jeanne

46 Madison Ave

Manhatten N.Y.

12/21/43

Dear D. Speer:

Your remembrance

for Christmas reached me yesterday. It thrills me these days as the old friends write and keep me in mind.

And it means a lot to get letters and gifts from "your friend" as I do =

You are and have been such a tired and true one for so many years. God bless you!

I am hoping the "Gripsholm" lands today and Margaret will be with you

but here in the Home -
I only get it as Mrs Duce
(the paper) picks it up -

She is the head of this
Nursing Home - but is also on
night duty at the Hospital -
or private cases -

Her maid looks after
me - but I am gradually
helping myself - have meals
in my room - Also callers
when they come - but am
quite a little out of an upper
mantelair so callers are not so
plenty or often - but I get
lots of letters. A few
weeks ago Mrs. Dickson brought
three of the church ladies
up for afternoon tea - We
had a very nice time - I
picked the guests -

But ² I have no real news -
and will stop here - just
saying =

I am thankful God

let me have you for a friend -

Remember me to Mrs. Speer
and Margaret - My memory

is still not so good - so
please fill in the gaps - and
some day drop me a card and
tell me that Margaret is home -

Your friend

Jeannette McMillan

McMillan, Jeannette

Dec. 14/43

Dear Dr. Speer:

Many thanks for
"Prayer Poems" It is
very, very helpful —
I am so glad to

see my old friend's name
"Margaret E. Saugster" —
How I loved her!

Hope you all have a

very happy Christmas
day!!

Your friend

Jeannette McMillan

You probably know of
the Quaker Calendars
enclosed — I love it

PASTOR
MILO H. McMILLEN
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McMillen, Mrs. M. H.

"Speaking the Truth in Love"
EPH. 4:15

Warrendale Presbyterian Church

CROSS AND OXFORD STREETS

SAINT PAUL, MINN.

March 1, 1940

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Doctor Speer:--

I am taking the liberty of writing you concerning a book, "One Girl's Influence" which you gave us some years ago and which has done so much good especially among teen-age girls and young women. I have given away many a copy and have seen it lift many a girl into a larger life of faith and usefulness.

Now I am shocked and grieved to hear from the Book Stores that it seems the book is going out of print. I am so very sorry because I can find nothing of its kind quite so good and inspirational for girls. The extremely "human" side of Louise along with her sweet consecration of soul touches the hearts of girls and moves them God-ward.

I have thanked you many times in my heart, Dr. Speer, for your part in giving ^{us} this story and now I come asking if I am misinformed concerning its going out of print, or if such is the case, is there any hope of another edition abridged or in full? In case I could not secure more books would I have any right to make typewritten copies of the book or have some printed? I could not financially do much to be sure. Perhaps you may know where additional copies of the book can be secured. I have contacted Chicago stores and have written Mr Andrews at Plainfield, but my letter was returned.

I will appreciate so much any information you may have for me along this line and thanking you again, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. H. McMillen

1110 No. Oxford St.

JOHN T. MANSON
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

July 11th
1941

Dear Mr. Spear. —

Mr. Manson wishes
me to thank you so much
for your kind note of sym-
pathy — The affectionate
thoughts of his friends means
a great deal to him, and
he is deeply appreciative

Yours —

Most Sincerely,
Margaret Washburne Manson
(Spear)

I know you year ago,
Mr. Spear when I was a
little "Dobles' girl" and
you will never know how
nearly one of your Sunday
Evening Chats to us, sent
me off to the South Sea
Islands as a Missionary.
I am now a Step-Daughter
of dear Mr. Hanson.

Marshall, John A.

LSM

Kansas City, Missouri
110 West 9th Street
Dec. 24, 1941

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Witherspoon Bldg.
156 Fifth Ave.
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Speer:

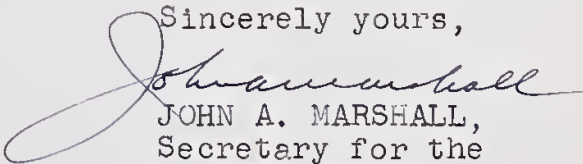
As you no doubt know, the Linwood Presbyterian Church here is seeking a successor to Dr. Harry C. Rogers. I know that you and Dr. Rogers are old friends and that you know something about Linwood Church.

We recently had the name of Dr. Paul C. Warren of the West End Presbyterian Church in New York City, presented to our committee by a former member of Linwood Church, now living in New York. The information was so favorable in every respect that we would like to know more about Dr. Warren.

Knowing Linwood and its place in this mid-Western Metropolis, would you consider that Dr. Warren would have the qualifications we would require here? Furthermore, would you know whether Dr. Warren would be interested in making a change under the right conditions?

I shall appreciate it if you will give me your advice at an early date.

Sincerely yours,


JOHN A. MARSHALL,
Secretary for the
Committee.

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May 29, 1941.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville,
Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

We are very grateful for the check in the amount of \$25 which you contribute toward our Appeal Fund. May I on behalf of the Seminary and its Board and Faculty extend to you our thanks and gratitude for this evidence of your interest in the school.

There is one thing on my mind and I am glad that this contribution gives me the opportunity to write you about it. Ever since I came to Biblical Seminary friends and well-wishers of the school have been urging upon me the great necessity for strengthening our Board by the addition of Christian laymen. Such men as Dr. Jelliffe, Dr. Millard Robinson and Dr. John R. Mott have suggested you as a potential Board member whose name and influence would be of inestimable value to our school.

If you will agree to come on our Board I am quite sure that it will be a great help to the Seminary and will afford you the opportunity to counsel and advise us in our future plans.

A special Board meeting will be held some time in June for the nomination and election of new members. It would be a gracious act on your part and a great inspiration to the Seminary if you would agree to accept membership on the Board.

With kindest regards to yourself and Mrs. Speer, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Horace Ford Martin

Horace Ford Martin,
President.

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July 21, 1942

Dr. Robert E. Speer
"Rockledge"
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

We are deeply grateful to you for your pledge of \$100.00 in the recent All Out Effort which was made to preserve the life of Biblical Seminary. I know that you are rejoicing with us in this deliverance which we are interpreting to mean that God has a very definite place for this institution in the work of His Kingdom. Receipt for \$100 is enclosed.

The response which came to us from almost twelve hundred friends and Alumni throughout this country and abroad, was most inspiring. Not only did we receive something in excess of \$116,000 in cash pledges but cancellations were made which will serve to reduce the Seminary's indebtedness by approximately half. I believe that a new day is dawning for Biblical Seminary and under God's guidance I trust that we shall be able to go forward.

With kindest regards and all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Horace Ford Martin

Horace Ford Martin
President

HFM:fb
Incl.

*One of my happy memory is your
address at the time of my inauguration
It was so kind & thoughtful for you
to do this.*

H.F.M.

Martindale, Dr. C. O'N.

409 State St., La. Terrace,
Baton Rouge, La.,

July 12, 1943

My dear Dr. Spur:

Your very kind permission to quote
cited references to "The Meaning of
Christ to Me" - + from any of your books,
was very gracious, also your request for
publisher's permission (F. H. Revell Co.).

I just heard from publisher +
have his O.K. to same, + have written
my appreciation.

I do not know of any author that
appeals so much to me as you do. God
has endowed you with great gifts in that
as in other lines! The Lord spare you long!

I thank you so much.

Appreciatively,

(Dr.) C. O'N. Martindale

Massie, W.K.

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W. K. MASSIE
211 SECURITY TRUST BLDG.
LEXINGTON, KY.

May 25th - 1941

Dear Mr Speer, your letter
of May 6th I have expected to
answer sooner, but I thought
the news might be better, but
it is worse and worse. It may
be as you say might now be light
we come later. I expect light
but from where? God's light is
what we want but often the
matters darker than we hope.
I can only say I am not dis-
couraged but "No chastening
seems to be joyous" I wish
only venture to say a word
of division of any land has
seen its day and I do
hope America will see
over



that in time to save it of
Dr Wehner is at Ogle & he
is in charge of Hospital
#63 and Warrent in
State & Government work for
protection of children. Joe
graduates, then what? I only
say "The East is the Lord
& the furrows they. The
word and they had done
them. He has founded it
upon the sea etc but I can
only interpret that to mean
His work in the whole world
This is just a better vague, but
are you surprised if He could
put into his own hands? I can
only say "They were to do"
with best regards, I am
yours truly
J. K. Massie

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June 19 1941

Rev. Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge, Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

At a meeting of our Executive Committee, held yesterday afternoon, the question of improving our list of tracts was taken up, and members felt that se should have several tracts on the Home. Mrs. Hosmer, wife of Rev. Dr. Frank A. Hosmer, D.D., of New Haven, Conn., a member of our Committee, heard you speak sometime ago on the Christian Home. She said that it was a fine address.

Our Committee voted to ask you to write a short tract on the Home. I am sending you several of our tracts to show the usual length. We would prefer a tract of six-pages. The subjects selected by one member are ~~se~~ given on the enclosed sheet. One subject as selected ~~was~~ a fairly good one ~~was~~ "The Factors Which Make a Christian Home," although you would be free to take any phase of the Christian Home up in a tract. The list given by a member was of subjects which he thought it would be profitable to treat. I am not sending this to you to have you select any one of the subjects; but simply take any subject that, in your judgment, would probably be the most helpful.

The Committee recognizes that this would be more or less burdensome to you and insisted, if you felt you could spare the time to write a tract, that it would grant you an "honorarium" of \$10. ~~per tract~~ Of course, we do not feel that this would be paying you as much as you ought to be paid. Dr. Monro, our president, also suggested that you might write another tract along some other line which you feel would emphasize the evangelical note or prove helpful in the advancement of the Christian life.

Under another cover I am sending you our present tract catalog and several tracts, by men you know, that are about the right length. We prefer a six-page tract. If you think of more than one subject on which you can write a tract, without too much trouble, you might send in several titles and let us select the subject. However, we are very anxious to have the tract on the Home.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. H. Matthews
General Secretary.

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Rev. Robert E. Speer, D.D.,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

I have just returned from my vacation, and find out that the members of the Publishing Committee have all approved of your manuscript "Telling the Truth." We will put it on the press when we have other tracts to print. I have in the last few minutes read the tract, and consider it a very remarkable production, and one that will do a great deal of good. This practice of nations in putting-out false propaganda is, to my mind, corrupting the entire world.

We recognize that the check enclosed is from the standpoint of compensation no adequate sum, so simply ask you to accept it as a very small token of our great appreciation for your cooperation.

Trusting that you had a satisfactory Summer, and praying that God will spare you for many years to come to continue your service to the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, I am

Sincerely yours,

Wm H. Matthews
General Secretary.

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Mayers, Ella D.

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Toledo, Ohio. March 1-1940.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Speer.

My husband and I
want to thank you for the series

Ans. 4th, 29 Harvard Ave
Station Island, N.Y.
Home address Greensboro

My dear Dr. Spear: Mebane, Anne Wilson C.

First - Please do not feel that
you must answer this young
man good enough some months
ago, to send me a very helpful &
inspiring reply to a letter I had
written telling you what your
Message in Asheville N.C. in 1903
had meant in my life. This I
deeply appreciate.

It's wonderful that you are to
be in my Home State, at Mon-
triel on the Foreign Missions
Conference. For your ad-
vice I know that you have
a special plan - that
always - but such times outside
reports are apt to be out

I order. But I'm just wondering if somehow, somehow
either in addresses or in conferences you might be able
to call attention to the world-need in the work for Leprosy-
so appealing - so directly associated with the Touch of His
Hand in the earth-days. In this work through
the Amer. Mission for Leprosy - 156 Fifth Ave. N. Y. - I
became naturally interested!

I wish so that
it might be possible for churches everywhere to have
One Sunday Each Year devoted to Leprosy work with in-
formation - appeal & offering! Why can't we?

I've made already a beginning of trying to get some-
thing done toward this in our Southern Presby-
terian Church -

any word from you at
Montreal about the appeal of Leprosy work throughout the
world can mean so much - When people
who have not read of the possible cure now - hear about
it for the first time - learn that sometimes just \$10.00
can supply enough treatment to arrest the disease in its
incipient stages - then there is obliged to follow a realization
of concrete opportunity. Don't you think so?

I'm
sure you understand that this letter to you is not so easy
to go - but comes like a message to follow! One hates even
to seem to "suggest" to you - whose work is so planned &
complete - far reaching & wonderful - but - you know
all I want to say - & how I thank you over for
all yr. Messages!

Sincerely
Anne Wilson Mebane

Meeker, Arthur Y.

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19 Hawthorne Ave

Upper Montclair, N. J.
December 27, 1941.

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Dr. Speer:

On several occasions since you spoke in the Upper Montclair Presbyterian Church, I have been reminded of the interest which the young people in that audience, (though they were few), took in your address. Having a daughter now in Wellesley, and another just graduated from Mount Holyoke, I have been thinking how much the youth of our colleges might be helped by reading such a clear statement as you made concerning the contrast between the so-called "Great Religions of the world" and Christianity. I have great faith in the members of this younger generation, as I am privileged to know them, and yet I believe, in the light of some of the modern tendencies, that our young people would be helped in their thinking by recognizing your statement that "Christianity alone reveals the search of God for man, while these religions reveal the search of man for God."

I have another matter upon which I should value having the benefit of your judgment. It relates to what some of us, including, I think, Dr. Leber of your own board, are coming to think concerning the modern methods for teaching illiterates in countries like India. Some have said that the teaching of the hopeless and discouraged illiterate non-Christians to read may be another means, second only to Education and Medicine, for winning men and women to a knowledge of the saving power of Jesus Christ. If at any time you might find it possible for me to talk with you, I should be glad to try to meet any appointment which you might suggest.

With sincere regards and deep personal gratitude for all that your noble life and searching words and great service have meant to me, as one of the ordinary laymen, believe me,

Faithfully yours,

Arthur Y. Meeker

Arthur Y. Meeker

Michel, F. J.

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June 16, 1941

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Englewood,
New Jersey

Dear Dr. Speer:

Thank you again for your article for
this year's Men and Missions Sunday.

There is one word that we could not get.
If you will kindly supply it in the seventh line
of the enclosed copy, we will be obliged.

Since this article deals more with a
controversy which has been disturbing ministers
and denominational leaders in greater degree than
laymen, I wonder if we might have your permission
to release it to the religious press rather than
to publish it in this year's Manual for Men and
Missions Sunday.

With deep appreciation of your interest
and cooperation,

Very sincerely yours,

F. J. Michel
F. J. Michel,
Secretary

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Some people are shy of the name "Foreign Missions" just as in recent years they have been shy of the words "Native Church." though these are all good, clear, simple and honorable words, nevertheless the words are not essential. When Christians began they were not used, nor the phrases with which we are familiar but they were used just the same, because they expressed realities. There were "missions" because there was a "sending"; which is the meaning of "mission": "As my Father hath sent me, so send I you," said Jesus to His disciples. "I will send thee far hence to the Gentiles," was Paul's commission, the people to be reached were "foreigners" (Eph. II, 14). The mission was to bring in those far away. (Eph. II, 13). No Church was to ^{be} established anywhere and was to be at home in every land, native & not. Whoever allows a taint of deicide to stick to the word "native" surrenders one of our best and best-loved words.

But the essential thing is not the word but the idea. And the danger is that in discarding the word the idea also can be lost. Perhaps some would like this. For one of "foreign" and ^{we} may appropriate the ~~word~~ ^{idea} of ourselves. Abandon "Native Church" and there may be no church at all. Let the word words go and let the movement which they describe depart.

In such a departure of ^{or without} ~~with~~ changed language, we forsake the basis on which Christians rested when it began. Her basis is clear. Paul defined it in his letter to the Romans: "I am debtor both to Greeks and to Barbarians (a harsher word than "foreigners") both to the wise and to the foolish. So as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the Gospel to you also that are in Rome. For I am not ashamed of the Gospel; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." Foreign missions are the expression of the Christian's faith in the sufficiency and finality of Jesus Christ as the only Savior of the world. Where that faith exists there will be foreign missions. No denial or compromise of that faith has shown itself capable of the devotion and sacrifice of a sustained mission to the world beyond.

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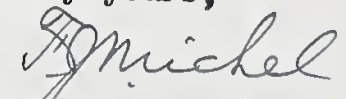
Dear Dr. Speer:

Thank you ever so much for your letter of June 20 with the return of the copy.

Our Movement is fully committed to your statement with reference to "Foreign Missions" and "The Native Church". We believe however that such a technical statement should have a wider reading among the ministers and church leaders than among laymen who know little about the "Native Church" and who consider most missionary work "Foreign" no matter by what designation some denominations advertise it. *** That, by the way, is another strong argument in support of your contention.

It was for that reason that we asked your consent to release your article through the religious press.

Sincerely yours,



F. J. Michel,
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Dear Dr. Speer:

It is not written in the stars that man will necessarily succeed --

If we lose faith in ourselves, we certainly will not; if we lose faith in all others, we certainly will not, -- for when people lose faith in themselves or in each other, they are lost --

So let us be grateful for our faith in each other.

Human happiness depends on love and friendship.

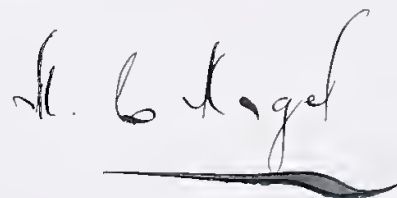
They, I have found, are the greatest things worth living and working for.

This is to convey to you my appreciation of your friendship, and my wish for your happiness.

I also wish for you this coming year -- that peace, which the world at large is today denied.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Robert E. Speer
24 Gramercy Park
New York, N. Y.



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Clarion Presbytery's Centennial

100 Years of Christian Service

Oct. 30, 1941

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Centennial Days 1941

Jan. 28th.
Inauguration Day—
DuBois

Apr. 16th.
Memorial Service—
Reynoldsville

June 24th.
Women's Day—Clarion

Oct. 7, 8, 9.
Women's Synodical—
Punxsutawney

Oct. 21, 22.
Centennial Rededication
Services—Brookville

Centennial Objectives

Evangelistic

- 1100 won to Christ.
- 25% increase in church attendance.
- 1400 added to the Sunday School.
- 25% increase in S. S. attendance.

National Missions

1. All aid grants reduced 10 to 20%.
2. Nat'l Missions' Benevolences increased 10 to 20%.

Foreign Missions

1. A quickened zeal in Foreign Missions.
2. Use of Study Class or equivalent for youth and adults.

Christian Education

1. Full Support of the Board's Program.
2. Every Member Studying the Bible.

Presbyterial Society

1. A Missionary Society in every church.
2. All Apportionments Met.
3. A \$400 Centennial Memorial Raised.

Dr. Robert E. Speer
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City.

My dear Doctor Speer:

On behalf of the Centennial Committee of Clarion Presbytery I want to tell you that we greatly appreciated your being with us on the 22nd of October. It was indeed an inspiration to hear you again and many have remarked how much your addresses had meant. You have indeed made a splendid contribution to our Centennial Year and your coming will be one of the days we shall remember. I hope the trip did not prove too tiresome for you and that you arrived homesafely. Thanking you again and with kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Roy F. Miller
Chairman Centennial Committee

521 Grant St.

Reynoldsville, Pa.

I HAVE BUILT — I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH

Bill

Miller, William
Damghan, Oct. 21, 1941.

Dear Dr. Szeer,

I send you loving Christmas greetings from Damghan! In this hour of the world's darkness may the light which shone on Bethlehem bring peace and hope to us all! Wherever you are at Christmas time may God's rich blessing rest upon you and your loved ones!

Do you remember Damghan? You probably stopped here either going or coming on your meshed journey. I left Teheran two weeks ago, spent a week in Semnan, and I have been here a week, and I am soon to go on to Shahrud, and Sabzwar, or Meshed, or Meshed. This road to Meshed has always had a special attraction for me, and I have made it my special field. I try to visit these towns twice a year,

and my hope is that we may soon see little churches growing up in each of them. As you recall, a start was made in nichapur, but we did not help the group there, and they went to pieces. You will be glad to know that I baptized a family in Semnan last week, and another family, and two men were baptized here in Damghan yesterday, so the mustard seed is being planted. The building up of a city church has so many special difficulties due to the nature of city life, that I often wonder if efforts in the smaller towns will not yield greater results than our work in Teheran. But I am still in doubt whether we should send pastors from Teheran to reside in these towns and build up these little groups, or whether we should leave them to manage themselves, with frequent visitation by us. Have you any conviction on this question?

I have written an account of the events of the past two months and have sent it to the Board. I hope it will be multigraphed, and sent to you or other special friends of Iran. Hence I will say little of our present situation in this letter, except to tell you that the Russian forces in the part of Iran are very well behaved, and have made a good impression on the people, and have not objected to my presence. They are issuing literature, giving free movies, and doing rather active "missionary" work of their own, but they have not attacked religion, as far as I know.

The economic situation is bad, as people have no work, food is scarce - very expensive, and the price of bread has been raised. The country is again full of robbers, so that travel is not very safe. The people are very anxious about the future - as they may well be.

We can only trust God, and try to help our friends to do the same.

I have heard from home that Isabelle & the children are well. Isabelle now has two grand children! My mother is unusually well, and will be 80 on Dec. 23. Francis is working hard, as you probably know, and is very weary. Today is the 10th birthday of my little girl Elise, and my thoughts are naturally much in America. I long to be with my family, but I feel I must be in Iran in this time of need.

With loving greetings to you & Mrs. Speer - and your children and grandchildren,

affectionately & gratefully,
William Miller

Tabriz, ~~March~~ 10, 1942

My dear B. Speer,

To Miller, Wm.

I saw your name sake a few days ago! I was calling with Rabi Stephan on the Yusuf family, and was told that their fine looking son was named Robert Speer. He was born shortly after your visit, and they called him by your name! When I congratulated him on bearing so fine a name they brought out the silver spoon you gave him, and it gave me great joy to see this token of your thoughtfulness and love to your friends, which has been shown to all of us in so many lovely ways. May the Lord himself reward you!

You will be surprised to have a letter from me from Tabriz. This is the first time I have ever worked here, and I would not be here now except for the death to our dear friend Bert Sifford. With his going no minister was left in

Tabriq, and while Robi Stephan is doing splendid work in the church the mission decided to send several of us here in turn to encourage the church and station, and I was the first to come. As you probably know, Z. Ramone is the only man in the station and the others are Misses Wooding, McKinney, Johnson and Pease. I am limited in my work because I don't know Turkish, but I was glad to find that almost everyone in church Sunday understood my Persian sermon.

Yesterday I had a call from another friend of yours, Mr. Fakr-ud-din Attaba, whose dream you wrote down when you were here. He hasn't been a very faithful church attendant, but he seems devoted to his faith, and I had a lovely visit with him. He is now 78 years of age, and has trouble with his knee. Yet he eagerly came through a heavy snow to see me. I urged him to give his testimony, and

bear fruit in this day of opportunity.

The occupying forces from the north have not interfered at all in the work of the mission or church. They are carrying on considerable "missionary" work of their own, but as yet they have not attacked religion. Their work has made considerable progress in Rezaizah, and we fear they have planted seed which will cause plenty of trouble for the Assyrians in the years to come. Our church people over there are deeply disturbed, but don't know what to do. You can easily imagine how complicated, and how difficult, the situation has become. And no one knows whether the present situation will continue indefinitely, or be changed. In either case, we are in for trouble! Now I must go with Robi Stephan and call on Baron Mirza ---- (later) Both these brethren send you their greetings.

Last fall I made a three month journey, working in all the towns between Teheran and Zohedan (on the Baluchistan border). I had a very fine time, and found the fields "white to harvest". A number of people professed faith, and some were baptized. In Shahr, near Birjand, I met a man who had gotten scripture from me 20 years ago when we went from Meshed to Sistan. He at once said he wanted to become a Christian. And in Surabad I baptized two men, one of whom is first cousin of the Sufi leader there who claims to be the successor of Christ and the manifestation of God for this age.

I hope to stay here till Easter, then go to Teheran, and start out again for Meshed, working in Semnan, Damghan, Shahrud, Sabzevar, & Nishapur, towns with which you are well acquainted! There are now little Christian groups in all these towns.

Please give my loving greetings to Mrs. Spier and your children. I miss Isabelle & my children very much! affectionately, William Miller

Tehran, April 14, 1942

Dear Dr. Spier,

You will be glad to know that during Holy Week we had very fine meetings in Tabriz, and the church was well filled every evening. I spoke in Persian, and all understood me. Dr. Fakhrol-attaba came several times, and brought friends. We felt God had richly blessed us.

On my way back to Tehran I stopped four days in Kazvin, and five Christian men from Tehran joined me, and we had meetings every night in a hall of the American church. I showed lantern pictures of Christ, and every night about 300 people were present. My fellow-workers sold 1000 copies of the scripture + tracts in the streets, and people welcomed

them, and we enjoyed complete
freedom. Four men professed faith.
I believe the fields have never
been "whiter to harvest" than they
are now.

I hope to start for Semmar
etc in ten days, and will go on
to Mexico once more, I hope.

With affectionate greetings,
as ever yours,
William

March 14 1942,
Tabriz, Iran.

Dear Dr. Speer,

a few days ago,
when Mr. Miller visited us, he
gave me the idea of writing to
you. I am sure you will be sur-
prised to get this letter, as you
have never seen me, and I am
almost a stranger to you.

My father Dr. Joel Joseph, who
was closely related to the mission-
aries, met you in Tabriz in 1922.
When I was born, he wanted
me to be named after you. So
Mrs. Suedd Christianed me Robert
Speer Joseph. I still keep the
beautiful silver spoon, which the
missionaries presented to me on

your behalf, when I was one year of age. I like its writing which goes thus, "From H. R. E. Speer to R. S. Y. Y."

My mother has seen you, when she was a student in the American Girls' school. She was in Maragha when you visited Iran the next time. I think you know that my father died by an accident a few months after my birth in 1929.

My two brothers are in Abadan working in the A. I. O. C., and the rest of the family is here in Tabriz.

All my sisters & brothers have got their diplomas from the American schools, but I was in eighth class when the school closed.

We have a Young People's Society here

in Tabriz which has about thirty members. We meet every Sunday afternoon from 5-6 o'clock. We sing and pray and have very good and useful speeches. We have different committees, service, social and some others. The members of the service committee go to the hospital often and talk to the patients.

My eldest sister is the president of the Y. P. S. and she specially asks you to remember our society in your prayers. We have some of your books in our Y. P. S. library, and many members refer to them in preparing their speeches.

Mr. Miller is here with us about ten days. He is going to stay here till after Easter. We are going to have

a Church-social next Friday, and he is going to talk to us about his trip to Mashad then. He is going to talk to the young people's today and every Sunday. We hope that his speeches will be useful to us. All the members of the Church would like him to stay with us longer as we need a mission-ary like him.

My mother & sisters are sending you their best wishes and ask you to remember us and our Church in your prayers.

Sincerely yours,
Robert Joseph.

Miller, William

Wm
Medford, June 20, 1942

My dear Dr. Speer,

What a joy it was to find your letter to March 11, written on Isabelle's birthday, waiting to greet me when I reached Medford 10 days ago! Having just spent 50 days on the road with which you are so well acquainted, with the people for whom you prayed 20 years ago, it seemed most appropriate that I should have a letter from you in Medford.

I have just finished writing a letter to Dr. Jordan about this journey, and I will send it first to you, and ask you to forward it to him. It has been a memorable journey, and God has opened wide its doors. Never has this field

been so ripe for the harvest as it
is now. May we have more laborers!

You will be glad to know that
Mirza, Gholam Ali, the man in
Mishapur whom you visited as
you passed through, is still
alive. He isn't as strong a
Christian as I hoped he would
be, but he & his family gave
us a cordial greeting, and
I believe they have faith.

Meshed has only six mission-
aries now, since Dr. Noren
joined the U.S. Army & went to
South Iran, & Dr. Cochran is
carrying this hospital alone.
Now that our dear friend Dr.
Francis is dead we wonder
if Dr. Adelaide Kibbe Francis
may not want to return here.

In spite of the small force, you
will be glad to know that Mr.
Erwin & his colleagues have
toured almost all parts of
Khorasan since April 1.
Birjand, Gherabad, Turbat,
Tushiz, Mishapur, Sobzevan,
Kuchan, Jovan, & Beyza
have been visited! Thousands
of books have been sold.
People everywhere are friendly
to us, and the Russian
officers have always been
gracious and helpful.

I had letters here from
Isabelle & the children and
my mother, and they are
well. Needless to say,
I miss them terribly.

with loving greetings for
you + Mrs. Speer and the
children - and constant
gratitude for your help to me
through the years.

Ever affectionately
William Miller

Mr. Larkin sends you his
cordial greetings.

Tehran, Iran, Jan. 26, 1943
Miller, William

My dear Dr. Spear

Isabelle has written of her visit to you in August, and of your great kindness to her and William as they were looking for a school, and I felt I must write and thank you. How much you have done for us, and how much you have meant to us, through the past years! The Lord bless you! I hear that William is happy at Chant school, and I hope he will do well there. Isabelle was disappointed with McCallie school, though everybody in the South praises it highly. I don't know what the trouble was.

I have written you several times, but do not know whether or not you have received my letters. You will rejoice with us in the wonderful opportunity we are now having for evangelistic work, which is greater than at any time since I came to Iran. Last fall I made a 100 day tour, visiting Kazvin, Reht, Tabriz, Rezaizeh, Hamadan, Kermanshah, Sultanabad, Gilohan, Tehran, and Isfahan, and found open doors everywhere. In Rezaizeh I received a cordial welcome from everybody, and when I showed slides of the Bible & Christ in the church about 600 people were present, including most of the government officials. In every place the officials and leading citizens have been invited by card to the meetings, and many of them have come. In Sultanabad the Governor permitted us to use the fine auditorium of the Government High School, and there I told the story of our Saviour's Birth and Life and Death and Resurrection to 200 people, including the Governor and the officials. Two years ago we never dreamed such a thing would be possible!

We printed 100,000 tracts & special evangelistic literature for this year & Evangelism, and have been distributing it everywhere. In the two weeks in November that we held a campaign here about 7000 copies of books & pamphlets were sold to the people, mostly in the streets. Eight of us were out each morning for a week, and held up everybody we met, both small and great, and sold our wares to them!

at Christmas we had a special meeting for the chief people of the city, and invited all members of the Cabinet and some members of Parliament and most of the people in authority, and the church was full. Again I told the full story of our Lord's life with the help of the slides, and the meeting was very effective.

I am now spending several months in Tehran helping in the church work, and in work for soldiers, and it is very interesting to meet men from many places with which we are well acquainted. A group of them will sing "spirituals" in church next Sunday - you can guess their color!

In the Spring I expect to go to Mesopotamia and Khorasan for several months. It is tragic that just now when the doors are wide open we have only nine ministers in our mission, and it is impossible to visit all the places where we ought to preach the Gospel.

Give my loving greetings to Mrs. Spear and the "children". I hope you have good word from Margaret, and the others.

With lasting affection
William Miller

Miller, Isabelle H. N.
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326 W. Allen Lane
Mt. Airy, Pa.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Speer,

Enclosed is a note from my husband sent with several notes to other friends to his mother in Virginia and remailed by her to me to forward after I had read them.

I am rejoiced to see that your daughter's name appear on the confidential list of exchange citizens between Japan and this country, and I suppose she should be with you by Christmas, all being well, - coming via the F. ripsholm. How I do rejoice for you and her.

May you have a beautiful
Christmas together. I
Trust - your other children
and son-in-law and
Henry Spur and children
(your grand children)
are all well.

May messings some-
dant attend you all
this year, - and peace
to earth come before
another Christmas,

Very lovingly yours
Zsuzsanna H. H. Miller

Teheran, Sept. 15, 1943
Miller, William

Dear Dr. Spear,

✓ Your kind letter of Nov. 27 was received some time ago, and should have been answered sooner. I have no recent news of your doings, but I am sure you are still busy going about doing good. Would that you could come to Teheran, and do us some good! How deeply interested you would be in all the changes which have taken place since 1922. The thing which has not changed is the need of the people - and Christ's ability to meet it.

I heard that George Irving was very ill last winter. I hope he is well & strong again and that you are still working together. If you see him, or other old friends, do give them my loving greetings. I hope you have good word from your children, wherever they are.

I had a fine tour all over northern Iran last year, of which you will hear soon, and I am now spending some months in Teheran. This is a difficult place in which to do evangelistic work, for there is so much to draw people away from God. But the church is progressing well under Dr. Elders' leadership, and we are trying to take advantage of the great freedom we enjoy now.

I was thinking of how it would have impressed William Merrick if he came here today to explore the possibility of a mission to Mohammedans! Truly we have an open door!

With love to you & Mrs. Spear, affectionately,
William Miller

GEORGE H. MILNE
BELGO ROAD
LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT

5th May 1942.

Dear Dr Speer.

I have been reading again your book which you placed in my hands in 1936, "The meaning of Christ to me", and am once more thrilled by the picture of Christ that you present - a picture all can understand and one that clinches one's faith & devotion as no other writer upon Christ ever has for me. The book is of absorbing interest throughout - so that it is difficult to point to specific pages, yet pages 58 to 62 for example are profoundly helpful to me and unanswerable. Somehow I had never considered him in this way - a way that one is grateful to you for. Some time when you are calling ask me to show you how I have marked & dog-eared my copy.

With warm regard

~~Dr Robert E. Speer~~

Lakeville
Conn

George Milne

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848 Myrtle Ave.
Bridgeport (4), Conn.
December 31, 1943

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Presb. Board of Foreign Missions
156 Fifth Avenue, N.Y.C.

Dear Dr. Speer:

I am writing to know if it would be possible for me to arrange a meeting with you sometime in January. I am looking for information for a thesis on our Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions.

The dissertation is for a Ph.D. under Prof. Latourette at Yale, the work being done on a fellowship from Princeton Seminary in Ecumenics. The subject, tentatively, is: The relation of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presb. Church in the U.S.A. to the China missions and church bodies with which it is connected.

More particularly, it will be a study of the progressive transfer of authority and direction from the mission board to the China missions, and from the missions to the younger church. It will deal with the progress of this indigenization and with the problems raised by the interlocking interests and authority of the denominational board, the China missions, and the native church bodies, and will emphasize especially the bearing of ~~this development~~ of this indigenization on the functioning of the Board. This latter emphasis is due, partly, to the fact that I will be limited to materials in this country.

Do you think there is sufficient material available for a dissertation on this subject, remembering that I will be limited for the most part to the library and archives of the Board offices? I would like to talk over with you where I might best find materials in the archives, what years are most important for the subject, and so forth.

I look forward to meeting you with great anticipation, because I feel as if I know you already--my father in Korea spoke so highly of you so often. Eventually I hope to go to China as a missionary.

Sincerely yours,

Sam Moffett

Samuel Hugh Moffett

P.S. If January is out of the question, I'd appreciate a chance to see you any time this Spring.

Monro, Hugh R.

HUGH R. MONRO - 127 GROVE STREET - MONTCLAIR, N. J.

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December 29, 1941.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Dr. Speer,

I regret that pressure of responsibilities during Christmas week has delayed acknowledgment of your letter. You have given us the discriminating judgment both as to the original volume and the revision we have so much needed and our procedure from this point will be greatly simplified.

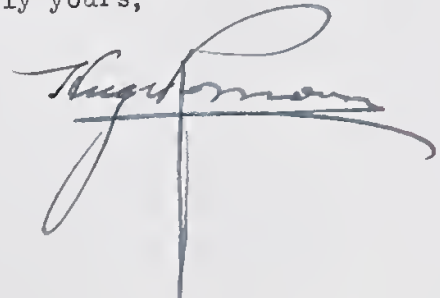
Considering the high tension of public opinion in Canada at this time it is not altogether surprising that Dr. Bready should drift from his main thesis but I am confident he will be quite willing to correct these inconsistencies when his attention has been called to them.

Will you kindly address the revision and manuscript to me at the office of the Tract Society, 21 W. 46th Street, obtaining the original volume for your own library.

I feel that in this case we must scrupulously avoid arousing needless prejudice and allow the powerful statement of historic facts to tell its own unprejudiced story.

Wishing you all the season's best blessings.

Cordially yours,



HRM:FG

HUGH R. MONRO - 127 GROVE STREET - MONTCLAIR, N. J.

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July 30, 1943

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville
Connecticut

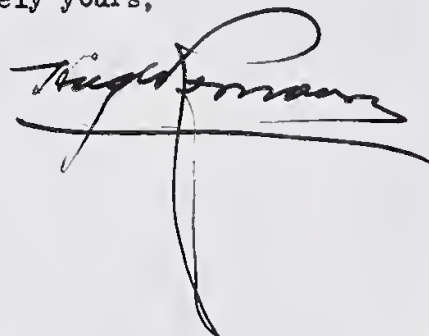
Dear Doctor Speer:

You are no doubt aware that we have been making a rather wide search for a man of the required qualifications to fill the post of General Secretary of the American Tract Society on the retirement of Dr. Matthews a few months hence. These requirements are, of course, more exacting than in the past, and added to strong evangelical convictions, we are seeking a degree of literary discrimination and ability - and of course administrative gifts.

The name of Dr. Francis Shunk Downs has been suggested and inquiry indicates a degree of interest. I have known Dr. Downs for some years, and though having a high appreciation of his character and ministerial gifts, have had no means of judging his practical qualifications for such a post.

Knowing his connection with the Board of Foreign Missions some years ago, I am writing to ask if you will aid me with your counsel. All will, of course, be treated as entirely confidential.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Hugh R. Monroe". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Sincerely yours,". It features a prominent, sweeping flourish that extends downwards and to the right.

hrm.s

Moore, Kenneth W.

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KENNETH W. MOORE
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October 30, 1941

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

I want to express to you my deep appreciation of your many kindnesses and courtesies. As you probably know, I am leaving the Board of Foreign Missions on Saturday, November 1st. After all has been said and done, I believe it for the best. God has always led me and I feel completely confident He is doing so in this - even though most difficult at the moment.

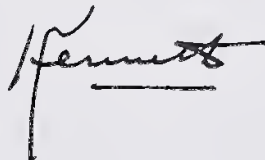
My relations with the missionary force, the most glorious body in the world, I intend to deepen and widen unceasingly.

You and Mrs. Speer have ever been most gracious and kind to Mrs. Moore and to me. We both hold you most dear in our hearts in Christian fellowship.

Some time I hope we may have a good chat with you.

With affectionate regards,

KWM:NF



The
ROMANCE OF AN ORPHAN



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PUBLIC RELATIONS AND
FINANCIAL COUNSEL

November 11, 1941

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville
Connecticut

Dear Doctor Speer:

I appreciated your kind letter. My resignation with the Board was effective November first. For over a year, I have been considering this move. I know, I am going to miss terribly the close relations with the Missionary personnel and many members of the Board and Staff.

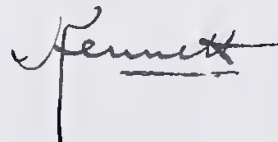
It may interest you to know that I re-established in September the Kenneth W. Moore Company which was originally founded in 1922. I dissolved this company at the time of the death of my wife to go into the seminary. This company will devote itself to the field of publicity, with special attention to church and philanthropic publicity and finance. This will throw me into action in campaign work in the liquidation of debt and raising of funds for churches, universities and other benevolent institutions.

I will appreciate it if you will keep me close to your heart and mind as you go about the Church, and if you hear of any campaign being needed you will let me know. This in no way will destroy my religious dynamic, but it will give me a wider area for freedom and action instead of being on the receiving line. I believe one can do just as much work in this particular field for the Church.

Confidentially, I had come to the point in the Board where I had to choose between politics and religion. I prefer to keep my religion even at the cost of my job. I certainly would like to talk with you sometime.

With kindest regards to you and Mrs. Speer, and in appreciation of your many kindnesses always and ever, I am

Cordially yours,



KWM/W

Alphonse Kenneth W.

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PHONE 6619

156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

September 23, 1942

Dear Dr. Speer:

Greetings and best wishes ! It has been some time since I have written you. Under separate cover I am sending you my book which I wrote last Fall...KEN... The Romance of an Orphan.

We are still in Spring Lake and will stay here this Fall and perhaps during the winter. My boy is now seven and in school here and enjoying the season, after having his tonsils out. Mrs. Moore is fine. She remarked the other night that she had the happiest summer she could remember and I can strongly second it.

I am building up my old company and in these times it is quite a challenge but there is a freedom about it that is quite refreshing. I am keeping my contacts with the Church and something in good season will develop wherein I will be used to the honor of the Lord. I thought I was settled at the Board but since many there surmised I had a lot of money-which I have not- the fates or shall I say the politicians decreed otherwise.

Life moves in mysterious fashion and I have a faith in the future and my God and His beloved Son, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit that never will be unshaken.

I rejoice that I have dared to live true to my convictions and Christian ethics.

Everything is going well. I miss you but we are all one in the great Christian fellowship- the only salvation of the world now and in the days before us. What a terrible war but the voice of Christ is now heard more distinctly than the roar of bombs. Truth, justice and righteousness will prevail.

With the same deep affection in which I have always held you and Mrs. Speer, I am

Cordially yours,

AL PROBLEMS



THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, N. J.

October 29, 1941.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

It affords me the very greatest pleasure to hereby cordially commend the Rev. Kenneth W. Moore, D.D., as a man of high Christian character, of wide business experience and of absolute integrity, who is unusually qualified to succeed in his chosen sphere of activity as a leader and specialist in church and philanthropic publicity and finance.

Yours truly,

Charles F. Eberman

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

PRESIDENTS OFFICE

October 31, 1941.

To Whom It May Concern:

Dr. Kenneth W. Moore, whom I have known intimately for the last five years as Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., informs me that he is retiring from the service of the Board and intends to organize a special company to be devoted to church and philanthropic publicity and finance. It gives me much pleasure to recommend Dr. Moore very heartily to any individual or organization that needs service in the sphere in which Dr. Moore contemplates to engage. His unusual experience as a Christian minister, a business executive, and as Treasurer of one of the largest church boards in America, together with his native capacity as a promoter, qualify him in a very unique way to render service in the realm of publicity.

John A. Mackay
John A. Mackay,
President.

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY
SIXTEEN WALL STREET
NEW YORK

November 10, 1941

BERNARD J. MORSE
VICE PRESIDENT

Dear Mr. Moore:

I received your letter the other day and would have been very much surprised at the news if Mr. Fritz had not previously told me that you were contemplating such a move.

It has been a real pleasure to have worked with you in the interest of the Board of Foreign Missions, and we will be fortunate indeed if your successor has the same appreciation and understanding of the problems incident to the ownership of real estate and mortgages today.

May I, at this time, express to you my sincere appreciation of the kindness and consideration you have shown me and my associates and to wish you happiness and success in your new endeavor.

Sincerely yours,

B. Morse

Mr. Kenneth W. Moore
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

CUSHMAN & WAKEFIELD, INC.
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30 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

October 30, 1941

Mr. Kenneth W. Moore,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Moore:

Your letter of the 28th inst., advising me of your decision to resign as Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions, would have come as a great surprise had it not been for your previous telephone advice to that effect. I am sure that your associates on the Foreign Board will all feel the loss of your valuable services.

On our own behalf, I can assure you that all those of us here who have had the privilege of knowing you and having enjoyed your wholehearted cooperation and support in all matters to which you subscribed, will miss you exceedingly. Your friendship and interest in all matters relating to our mutual desire to improve 156 Fifth Avenue, both from a physical and financial point of view, has been a constant source of inspiration that has kept us constantly on our toes. You can rest assured, however, that we will carry on in the same spirit of cooperation as heretofore.

It is my foregone conclusion that your gentle personality, combined with your apparently natural promotional ability, when applied to your future work as Public Relations and Financial Counsel, should produce very successful results for the Kenneth W. Moore Company.

With my grateful personal appreciation for the many courtesies you have afforded us throughout our relationship of the past few years, and with best wishes for the success of your new enterprise, I am, as always,

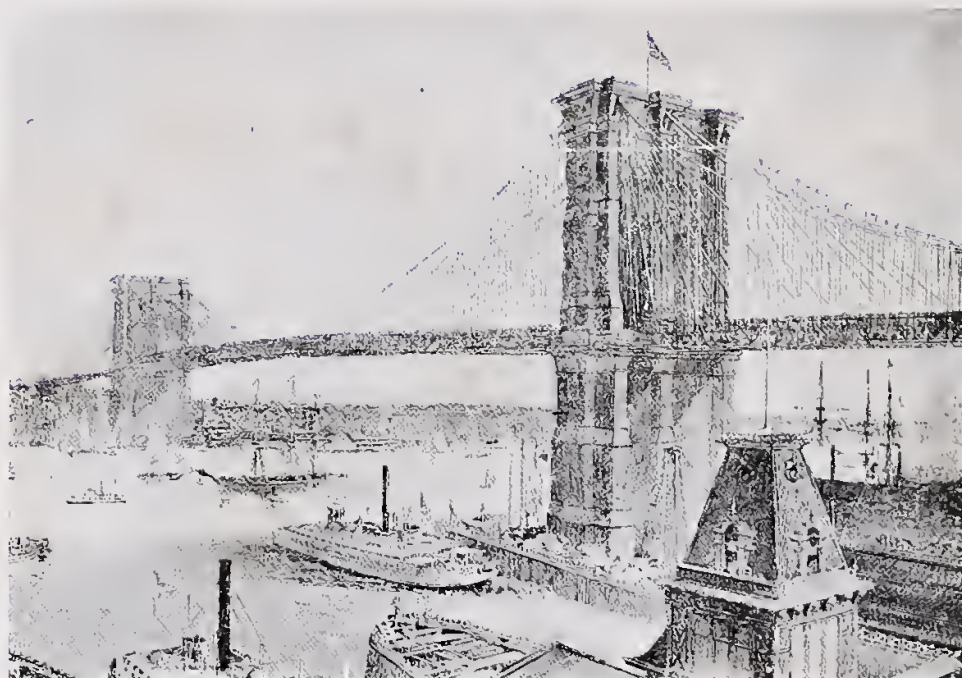
Most cordially yours,

Raymond Cushman
President

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Moore, Kenneth W.



1, State House; Annex

The KENNETH W. MOORE COMPANY

234-235 BROAD STREET BANK BUILDING
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY
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October 28, 1942.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Thank you for your kind letter on KEN. I think you are right about writing a book as an autobiography but I did not intend it to be that. If I had I would have made more extensive use of proper names and events in a more exacting manner. I wrote it in an informal style to bring out some of my observations and experiences with a religious meaning in them. I consulted some of my friends in well-known publishing houses who said that a book of this sort ought to appeal. Comments everywhere have been favorable- chiefly from people whom I have not known or known me. But instead of doing cross-word puzzles on the train between Princeton and New York I wrote nearly 90% of the book. Maybe I should have done cross-word puzzles. At any rate I had a lot of fun.

No, I am not dead yet-not by a long shot. The Church has my services nearly every Sunday now. I preached in Belmar last Sunday and will be at it harder than ever.

So, some day if Ken Moore comes out with a new book.. I am sure it will not be another ad-mortem and I am sure it will not be a post-mortem-by me anyway.

With deepest affection, always
Sincerely yours,

Kenneth W. Moore



2, Stacy-Trent; Trenton Trust Co. . . 3, Masonic Temple . . 4, Hotel Hildebrecht . . 5, First-Mechanics National Bank . . 6, War Memorial

REMEMBER

"Remember Pearl Harbor!"
Shriek press and radio.
Yet I am remembering
A cry of long ago,
When gray barns and boulders
Broadcasted clear and plain ,
In crude whitewashed letters :.
"R emember the Maine! "

If only for nations
This slogan had sufficed
From an old saint in prison:
"Remember Jesus Christ!"

Belle Chapman Morrill
Girard, Ohio

C2A
Morrill, Belle Chapman
214 East Broadway
Girard, Ohio
April 21, 1942

My dear Dr. Speer:

I have carried through all the years the memory of your sermon on the text "Remember Jesus Christ", given at a Silver Bay Conference when I was a student. In fact the enclosed bit of verse will show you how instinctively that theme came to my mind a few weeks ago when a slogan of hate swept over the land. Knowing your interest in verse in the conference days, I presume to send you a copy of this.

I hope to hear you Wednesday night, as I am free from my duties at the public library that night.

Sincerely yours

Belle Chapman Morrill

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MINISTER OF MUSIC

February 1, 1940

Dear Dr. Speer,

Over ten years ago you were good enough to recommend me to the late Edward S. Wood, an Elder of this Church, as a possible Pastor of the First Church. It was largely your recommendation that aroused their interest in me, and was instrumental in consummating the pastoral relationship. I hope that neither you nor the Church have had any cause to regret it.

I have been here ten years now. They have been ten difficult years, covering the whole span of the depression. Our relations as pastor and people have always been most friendly and cooperative, and I believe more so today than ever before. I hope we may have been able to accomplish something together. I believe, however, that ten years here are enough, and that a change would be good for both pastor and people.

I am making bold, therefore, to ask you if you would be willing to submit my name to the Woodward Avenue Church, Detroit, as a possible successor to Dr. Vale who leaves there on February 11th.

My reason for writing now, is that I have been informed that you are to preach in Detroit at union Lenten services February 12-16. It occurred to me that as you are right there it would give you a good opportunity to put in a word for me, if you think well of it.

For your information I am enclosing herewith my story up to date.

I shall be very grateful to you for anything you might be willing to do for me.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Edward Allen Morris

Rev. Edward Allen Morris

Biographical Notes

(As listed in "Biographical Encyclopedia of the World", "Biographical Encyclopedia of America", "The Social Directory of the United States", "Who's Who in the Clergy", and "Who's Who in New Jersey".)

MORRIS, REV. EDWARD ALLEN, Minister of the First Presbyterian Church in Trenton, New Jersey (formed 1712). Born in Baltimore, Maryland, December 4, 1897, son of John Edward and Lillie Cora (Vickers) Morris, of English descent. Married Thelma Jacobs of Mayflower descent, at New Vineyard, Maine, July 28, 1920. Five children: Glenys, born July 14, 1921; Edward A., Jr., born September 23, 1922; Charles R., born October 26, 1923; Mary E., born January 3, 1925; Janice A., born July 15, 1929.

Attended James Millikin University, 1916-1918; Johns Hopkins University, 1918 and 1923, where he took graduate work in English literature and psychology; Bates College, 1919-1921, from which he received his A.B. degree in 1921, and Yale Divinity School, 1923-1926, from which he received his B.D. degree in 1926.

Has been preaching regularly since 1916, as a student pastor until his ordination on October 11, 1921, then as full pastor. Has been minister of the First Presbyterian Church in Trenton, New Jersey, since March 1, 1930, going there from Arlington, Massachusetts. Has spoken in pulpits of 135 Churches of 15 denominations in 11 States.

While in college was chosen as Class Orator; Class Chaplain both junior and senior years; won first prize public speaking contests both junior and senior years; member champion debating team which defeated Harvard University; member first debating team to cross the Atlantic and debate Oxford University, England; member Delta Sigma Rho, national forensic honor society; member Bates Debating Council and Bates College Forum; baritone soloist Bates College Glee Club and Bates College Choir, and other literary and musical activities.

At Divinity School won first prize in Senior Class sermonic contest, first prize in Dean's contest for best expository sermon in the Divinity School, and was chosen by the faculty to address the graduating class.

Was Moderator Boston Ministers' Meeting, 1929-1930; Director Boston City Missionary Society and Greater Boston Federation of Churches, 1927-1930; is now Secretary of the Committee on National Missions of New Brunswick Presbytery; member of the Committee on United Promotion of New Brunswick Presbytery; member of the Committee on United Promotion of the Synod of New Jersey; Trustee of New Brunswick Presbytery; Trustee of the Presbyterian Home of the Synod of New Jersey located at Belvidere, New Jersey; Director of the Trenton City Rescue Mission; member of the Trenton Commission on Goodwill between Christians and Jews; Past Chaplain of the Trenton Post of the American Legion; member of the Executive Committee of the Lord's Day Alliance of New Jersey; Commissioner to the 144th and 150th General Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.; Chairman of the Standing Committee on National Missions of the 150th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. at Philadelphia in 1938; Chairman of a Committee of the Synod of New Jersey against Racetrack Legislation, 1939; Instructor in Old and New Testaments, and Vesper Leader of the New Jersey School of Christian Work of the New Jersey Council of Religious Education, Blair Academy, 1939; author of "Truths That Abide"; President Trenton Council of Churches.

The Northfield Schools

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Mount Hermon, Massachusetts

August 21, 1942

Dear Dr. Speer:

I am sorry that a statement of the type of the Alumni Secretary's went out at all, but particularly sorry that you should have been bothered by it or subsequent statements. You will not want to read the enclosed self-explanatory document in its entirety I am sure, but you may want to have it at hand to refer to in case any questions may arise about the School and former statements you may have received. Rest assured that the faculty as a man gives Dr. Porter its complete support and loyalty.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Morrow

William H. Morrow

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville
Connecticut

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Mott, John R.

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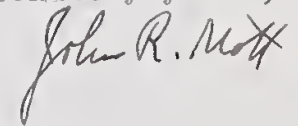
Dr. Robert E. Speer
 Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Robert,

Many thanks for your much appreciated note of December 20th, which I found awaiting me on my arrival here. With you I look back with a sense of overflowing gratitude for all that our day together last week meant to us.

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in bringing to my attention the clipping from the National Christian Council Bulletin of Japan. The part of the marked paragraph which is accurate is the one indicating that the Council has my "continued confidence and high regard." The rest of the paragraph I fear may be misleading, and I shall do what I can from now to correct such impression. It is true that I told certain friends in Japan that in consenting to the use of my name, which I did while I was in Mexico, in response to a telegram, I was not aware of the fact that along with the simple statement contained in the telegram to me there would be sent to the press, and evidently to multitudes of ministers, an accompanying pamphlet which I did not see until later, and which pamphlet contained much of which I could not approve.

Very affectionately yours,



JRM/LAC

Post the ^{card}

Dear Mr. Speer.

Tehran Oct 8. 1941.

Muller, Hugo & Laura

A card of greeting this
Christmas season from Iran
to you

Three weeks ago to
day we Hugo & I moved up here
to Tehran for this year or winter -
Our coming coincided with the
moving up of the British army
with which we travelled all
day from Malajir to Lom on
Sept 16th overtaking and passing
three hundred of the cars and
by a few hours missing the
king himself as he moved out.

Great waters have happen-
ed with some degree of quiet-
ness, affected too by the pre-
sence of the armies entering
and the very natural unlash-
ing of some elements.


Big questions of adjustment are to the fore and these complicated by the forces contained in the great boiling caldron which seems tipping its contents this way.

Our actual moving was caused by an effort to help Community School in the stress of this year. Mission Secretary work was unworkable and he could give some time to help. But that aside in these days the being here is good for communications and conferences with Mission centers and others.

What effect coming weeks will have no one can see, but day by day children seen in school in disarray the presence of many people who have found here a refuge and the little school a help.

Most cordial greetings to Mrs. Speer and you from us both
Hugo & Laura Muller.





"The shepherds said one to another, Let us now
go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which
is come to pass, which the Lord hath made
known unto us."

Luke 2:15

The shepherds watched
their gentle flocks,
Upon that Holy night
They saw, beyond a distant hill
A star that shed new light.
They for rejoice at Christmas tide
In blessings from above
And find new life and happiness
In God's abiding love.

Murray, J. Lovell

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EDWARD R. C. DOBBS, ESQ.,
ASSISTANT TREASURER

April 12th, 1943.

Dear Robert,

After the confusion, the gong ringing and the stream of human traffic and the pressure of trip-hammer programs in the past week, the School seems strangely silent and neglected this morning. But the minds of many scores of the people who have been frequenting the place are thinking of the rich experiences they have been having here day after day, and especially of you and your messages.

Your stay with us was one of the major events in the more than twenty years through which the School has passed. What it has meant to have your presence day after day and to have our understanding of our missionary task enriched and clarified as you re-thought it with us - not to mention the spiritual stimulus you imparted - I cannot begin to express. You have left us hopelessly in your debt. I can only assure you that you have won the warm gratitude and love of us all.

Enclosed is a New York draft for One Hundred and Thirty-five Dollars to cover your modest expense statement and our modest honorarium of One Hundred Dollars.

I want to say again how refreshing and delightful it was for me to have the opportunity of reviving our long-standing friendship. Mrs. Murray feels the same way. It was a regret to us both that because of a set of conditions it was not possible to have you in our home. We hope that at a not distant time we may have that privilege.

Gratefully and affectionately yours,

Lovell

J. Lovell Murray,

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge, Lakeville,
Connecticut.

Myers, Charles F.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GREENSBORO, N. C.

December 3, 1943

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Dr. Speer:

I was delighted to get your good letter, and I think it was mighty kind of you to offer to give us a Sunday in January.

I have just come from the station and find that the only possible way you can catch the Atlantic Coast Line from Greensboro is at Fayetteville, N.C. To catch this train you would have to drive 125 miles by car, and with the restrictions on gas I am sure the Ration Board would not allow me to take this trip of 250 miles. There is no train from Greensboro to Fayetteville.

I am awfully disappointed. There is nobody in all the country I would rather have preach for me than you, and though you may not know it, you have meant more to me in my ministry than any other person. I used to hear you in the early days at student conferences and at Northfield, and I have all of your books. You have been a great inspiration to me.

If by any chance you could come back this way and catch a southern train by Charlotte, I would be delighted. If I can find from the station master that you could come back from Lake Alfred by the Southern without too hard a trip I will write you.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GREENSBORO, N. C.

Thank you ever so much for your willingness to come, and I assure you I am keenly disappointed that Greensboro and Lake Alfred are so far apart.

Please give my regards to Mrs. Speer, and with lots of love for you,

Affectionately yours,

Charles F. Myers -

P.S. We have a supper every Sunday night for three hundred soldiers, and I was especially anxious for you to speak to to them as well as to my morning crowd.